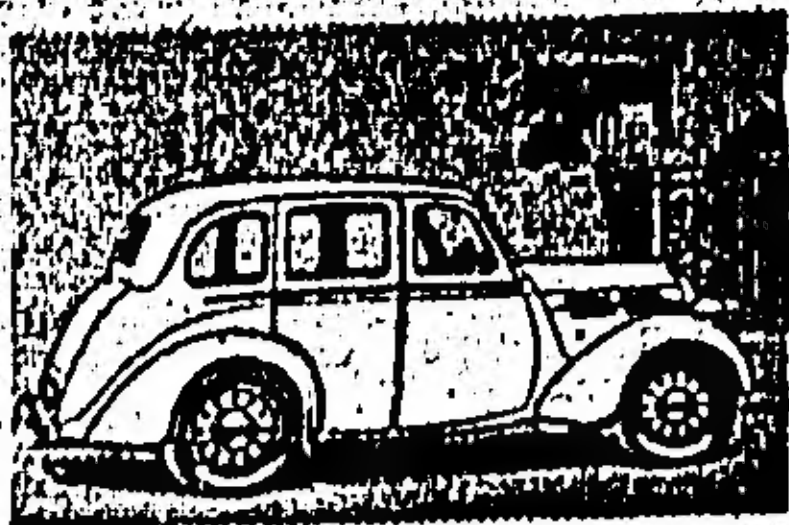


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MERCILESS BOMBING BY R.A.F. AS ALLIES STRENGTHEN DEFENCES

LONDON, APR. 14 (REUTER).—R.A.F. AND GREEK AIR SQUADRONS ARE MERCILESSLY BOMBING AND MACHINE-GUNNING THE GERMANS IN THE MONASTIR AREA WHERE THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE CONCENTRATING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES, SAYS THE GREEK MINISTRY OF WAR BULLETIN QUOTED BY THE ATHENS RADIO.

British Fall Back In Greece, But Defy Nazis In N. Africa

By JOE ALEX MORRIS
Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Apr. 14 (UP).—British troops have been forced back along the Greek front, London admitted to-night, and Rome claimed the capture of strategic Koritza which may open a route for a flank movement against the British and Greek main defences.

POSITION ON ALL FRONTS

—Communique

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—A War Office communique just issued announces as follows:

Greece

"Greece.—During Saturday night, our forces withdrew to new positions. Our covering troops inflicted severe casualties on the enemy who maintained a continuous pressure on our eastern sector during this withdrawal. There is marked activity on the right of our line but there have been no serious clashes. In the centre of our sector, persistent German attacks failed largely owing to our vigorous artillery fire. The weather is extremely cold with snow."

Libya

"Libya.—This (Monday) morning, enemy infantry, supported by tanks, launched an attack on Tobruk. At one point, about 20 tanks crossed the outer defences. An immediate counter-attack was launched by our tanks, as the result of which the enemy were ejected after sustaining very severe losses in both tanks and personnel. The situation has been completely restored."

"Our troops are in contact with and have inflicted considerable casualties on advanced enemy detachments in the vicinity of Sollum."

Abyssinia

"Abyssinia.—Our pursuit of the beaten and disorganised enemy is continuing. Many prisoners are still coming in, including a divisional commander and a Brigade commander."

London was vague as to the point at which the withdrawal of British troops in Greece had occurred, but the mention of pressure on the eastern flank southwest of Salonika may indicate the region of retirement.

This report and the Italian claim of the capture of Koritza may indicate that the Anglo-Greek Allies will shortly be forced to fall back on a short secondary defence line from Ioannina to Larissa, or possibly a more defensible front in mid-Greece.

Situation in Africa

In contrast to the dark picture of the operations on the Greek front, London indicated that the situation in Africa—where Nazi panzer divisions are developing serious thrusts towards the Suez Canal—has not deteriorated appreciably.

The British are said to have beaten off a stiff German attack at Tobruk in which tanks and infantry were employed. The mention of infantry, however, indicates that the Germans are following up their fast moving armoured columns with the rapid transport of infantry units to the scene of combat. Contact was established by the advanced elements and losses were inflicted on the Germans.

The Axis claimed that the British are attempting to evacuate their men from Tobruk by sea and that the British attempt to break the German ring of steel had failed.

Tobruk Fighting

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—To-day's War Office communique states that an enemy tank attack was repulsed with severe losses at Tobruk this morning, adding, "the situation has been completely restored." The communique said that considerable casualties were inflicted on the enemy in the vicinity of Sollum. British forces in Greece were obliged to withdraw to new positions last Saturday night.

German Announcement

ZURICH, Apr. 14 (UP).—The German radio announced at 7.30 p.m. that the remnants of the B.E.F. in North Africa have concentrated in the harbour and town defending their positions there until embarkation operations can be carried out."

The failure of the Germans to effect a breakthrough during the first days together with the continuous and effective reinforcement of the Allied lines of resistance, adds the bulletin, has confirmed the general conviction that a very strong front has been established, stretching from the Adriatic Sea to the Aegean Sea.

The positions occupied by the Allied forces are natural strongholds which do not at all lend themselves to the tactics of mechanised blitz warfare.

All reports concur that the situation may be considered as highly satisfactory.

"No major activity to report," adds the bulletin.

Serb Army Intact

The radio announcer quoted a Press Ministry statement that it would appear that the great bulk of the Yugo-Slav Army remains intact and has retired to the mountains where it is easy to maintain the defensive and from where it could constitute a permanent threat to the flanks of the invaders.

The situation in Northern Yugo-Slavia is obscure but it seems probable that the Yugo-Slav forces have retired from the wide plains of Croatia, Slovenia and Banat and are now moving southward to the highland regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and are approaching Serbia, where a strong defence can readily be maintained.

Enemy Communications

The situation in Southern Yugo-Slavia has materially improved during the last 48 hours. It is confirmed that the Yugo-Slav forces have attacked and dislocated German communications and have inflicted many casualties on the enemy.

The Germans, says the statement, are unable to use their mechanised and armoured units in this highland region.

Clash Inevitable

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—"General Simovitch may organise resistance in the centre of Yugo-Slavia to gain time," declares the "Giornale d'Italia" to-day. "In any case, the withdrawal of British troops from the Balkan Peninsula seems out of the question. We must, therefore, expect an encounter between the Axis forces and the British Imperial Army and more so since that seems to have been the aim of Mr. Eden's recent visit to the Near East and since Mr. Churchill referred to it as one means of shortening the war."

Referring to President Roosevelt's decision to send American ships through the Red Sea, the paper says that the Axis will deal with American convoys according to international law.

Take Up New Positions

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The War Office announces that British troops have taken up new positions and turned back to Page, Column 3.

LATEST

British Bombers & Fighters In Action

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. continued on Sunday to harass German troops hammering at the gateways to Egypt and Greece.

Both bombers and fighters were employed in dispersing enemy concentrations in various areas in Cirenaica. Successful bombing and machine-gunning attacks were also made on enemy motor transport convoys astride the German road communications between Misus and Sollum.

Bombers carried out a large number of sorties against enemy columns on the roads in the theatres of operations in Greece and, according to an R.A.F. communique, "direct hits were obtained on these columns by most of our aircraft."

In Albania

Fighters intercepted a number of enemy bombers, escorted by fighters, in the Koritza area. One Fiat monoplane fighter was destroyed and a number of others were damaged.

A Messerschmitt twin-engine fighter was shot down west of Mount Olympus by an R.A.F. fighter.

On Sunday night, long-range R.A.F. bombers winged their way to the Central Mediterranean and bombed the harbour of Tripoli, the base for German reinforcements to the African front.

Shipping was straddled and one large vessel was seen to be burning fiercely.

A power station and Customs house were also attacked.

South Africans

South African Air Force planes cleaning up the last nests of enemy aircraft in Italian East Africa made another successful raid on Kombolcha aerodrome in Abyssinia. Two enemy bombers were burnt out and several other fighters and bombers were damaged.

A number of bombs were dropped on Malta in a combined fighter-bomber raid on Saturday night but caused no serious damage.

One Messerschmitt and one R.A.F. fighter were shot down but the British pilot is safe.

Appeal For Recruits

SYDNEY, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—"The Empire is about to pass through the greatest test since the collapse of France," declared the Australian Army Minister, Mr. P. C. Spender, appealing for recruits to-day.

"Hitler is staking all on the next months. When we have ridden the storm, he will be doomed."

GREAT BRITAIN RAIDED

With Little Loss

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—German aircraft flying singly have dropped bombs at several widely separated places in various parts of England during to-day.

Shuttles were very few and though damage was done at some points, it was nowhere very great.

An Air Ministry communique states also that machine-gun attacks were made at some points but were entirely ineffective.

One enemy bomber was destroyed and another was damaged.



British Imperial forces are now making a stand at Tobruk against the Axis thrust into Cirenaica. When this picture was taken, Tobruk was about to be captured from the Italians by the British, and the photograph shows buildings in Tobruk burning furiously, while in the background can be seen the Italian cruiser San Giorgio on fire.

Germans May Attempt Pincer Movement Against The Suez

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Apr. 14 (UP).—The Turkish Radio at Istanbul has advanced the opinion that the German High Command intends to turn to the eastern Mediterranean basin to attack Palestine, the Suez Canal and Egypt in a pincer operation.

It is intended to pinch off the British operations on the Nile, while the other half of the pincers close in on Libya, thus liberating the isolated Italian armies in Ethiopia, if the Duke of Aosta can hold out long enough in his mountain positions, aided by the seasonal rains which are due in May.

The announcement pointed out that Hitler has his choice of using either Turkey or Russia as a corridor. It was explained that that is why Axis agents are preparing the terrain for transport of the German armies through Iraq, Iran and Syria, but it was suggested that the German High Command may find passage through Turkey too difficult.

Developments in the Balkans have brought the war to the frontiers of Turkey. In the event of an extension of the war in this country it will probably be extremely difficult if not impossible, to leave Turkey by any normal means of transportation.

About 300 Americans have already left Turkey.

Americans Warned Again

ISTANBUL, Apr. 14 (UP).—The United States Consulate to-day circularised all United States citizens for the third time since August 25, 1939, urging them to "make plans for prompt departure unless you are prepared to remain in Turkey regardless of conditions which may be expected in event of war."

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Strike Averted

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The United States Steel Corporation has averted the strike called by the Trade Union Congress of Industrial Organizations for Tuesday night by granting a wage increase of ten cents an hour and more liberal holidays to its 240,000 employees.

The increase dates retrospectively from April 1. The new hourly rate will give employees a weekly increase of about \$4 each.

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New Pact Explained By Hull

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—"The significance of the pact between the Soviet Union and Japan relating to neutrality as reported in the press to-day could be over-estimated," declared the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in a formal statement.

"The agreement would seem to be descriptive of the situation which has in effect existed between the two countries for some time past. It, therefore, comes as no surprise although there has existed a doubt whether the two governments would or would not agree to say it in writing."

"The policy of this Government, of course, remains unchanged." Mr. Hull departed from his usual practice at a press conference by issuing a formal statement on this matter.

Chungking Statement

CHUNGKING, Apr. 14 (Central News).—Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, issued to-day the following statement:

"The U.S.S.R. and Japan issued a joint declaration wherein Japan undertook to respect the territorial integrity and inviolability of the so-called 'People's Republic of Mongolia' and the Soviet Union undertook to respect the territorial integrity and inviolability of the so-called 'Empire of Manchukuo'."

"It is an indisputable fact that the four Northeastern Provinces and Outer Mongolia are an integral part of China."

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Danish Envoy To U.S. Defies Nazi Control

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Henrik de Kauffmann, Danish Minister in Washington, has formally advised the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, of his refusal to recognise his recall by the Copenhagen Government.

Mr. de Kauffmann signed an agreement in Washington on Wednesday placing Greenland under the protection of the United States Government and giving America the right to establish air-bases there.

The Danish Foreign Office in German-occupied Copenhagen ordered him to return to Denmark after acknowledging receipt of his report on the signing of the agreement.

Mr. de Kauffmann had previously requested President Roosevelt's aid to purchase Danish ships in the United States.

United States ports which are being held in United States custody.

Ignored Orders

Mr. de Kauffmann declared that he had not notified the Danish Government in advance of his intention to sign the Greenland agreement. He added that he had ignored orders from Copenhagen to lodge a protest with the United States Government against the seizure of Danish ships.

The United States has refused to recognise the Danish Government's action in recalling Mr. de Kauffmann and has notified the latter that it will continue to consider him as the Danish ambassador in Washington.

See Back Page For Further Latest News

Berlin Disappointed In Moscow-Tokyo Pact

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—The morning newspapers cautiously commented on the Russo-Japanese pact and expressed a conflict of opinions regarding its significance. However, it is generally believed that it is a disappointment to Berlin.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Times" discussed the points not specified in the published text and concluded that the Soviets appear to have gained the better part of the bargain. "The complete text shows how far it falls short of German hopes and pretensions of last autumn," he wrote.

Before Mr. Molotov went to Berlin last November, the Germans were openly declaring that the Soviet Union was about to become a permanent ally of Germany.

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1.45 Alfredo and His Orchestra
with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

8.32 A Gershwin Programme—
Rhapsody in Blue...Boston Orchestra
cond. by Arthur Fiedler. Piano:
J. M. Sanborn; Bass, You Is My
Woman Now (from "Porgy
and Bess")...Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone)
and Helen Jepson (Soprano)
with Orchestra; Strike Up The Band
(from the "Music Man" Comedy).
Boston Orchestra cond. by Arthur
Fiedler; Summer Time (from "Porgy
and Bess")...Bing Crosby (Vocal)
with Orchestra.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Britain
Speaks"—Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.0 Local Time Signal and
Announcements.

8.02 Studio-Talk by William
Jenkins on "The Experience of an
International Red Cross Relief
Worker in China."

8.15 Popular Classics—Arab
Dance, Tchaikovsky's "Nut-
cracker Suite"...Leopold Stokowski
and the Philadelphia Orchestra;
Sergeant (Schubert)...Herbert
Janssen (Baritone) and Piano;
"Midsummer Night's Dream"—
Scherzo (Mendelssohn). The Har-
monious Blacksmith (Handel).
Sergeant Bachmann (Piano); Ave
Maria (Schubert)...Erna Berger-
Soprano) with String Quartet;
Minuet in G (Paderewski-Kreisler);
Minuet (Boccherini)...Fritz Kreis-
ler (Violin) with String Quartet;
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot...Paul
Robeson (Bass) with Piano; Clair De
Lune (Debussy). Prelude in C Minor,
Op. 28, No. 24, Mazurka in A Minor,
Op. 68, No. 2 (both Chopin)...John
Hunt (Piano); Alleluia (Mozart)...
Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with
Orch.; Moment Musical in A Flat
Major, Op. 94, No. 8 (Schubert)....
William Backhouse (Piano).

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of
the Hour."

9.30 A Scottish Programme with
Joseph Hialop and Moray Mac-
donald—Hieland Laddie (Carru-
thers)...New Mayfair Orchestra;
Jennie The Flower of Dunblane
(Smith)...Joseph Hialop (Tenor)
with Orchestra; Medley of Scottish
Airs—Intro: The Atholl Highlanders;
Captain Murray; Rachael Rae; Bonnie
Dundee...Pipers of the 2nd Batt.
The Q.O. Cameron Highlanders; The
Bontman, Kilmahilly Gully ("Songs
of the Hebrides"—arr. Kennedy
Fraser)...Moray Macdonald (Sop-
rano) with Piano (Singing in
Gaelic); Savoy Scottish Medley (arr.
Dobroy Somers)...New Mayfair
Orchestra; MacGregor's Gathering
(Leo, arr. Kahn); Bonnie Wee Thing
(Geo. arr. Joseph Hialop (Tenor)
with Piano).

9.45 News in French (on Short
Wave only).

10.0 London Relay—Talk: "Soots
Abroad."

10.15 Harry Roy's Stage Show—
Harry Roy and His Orchestra
(Recorded at the actual performance
at the Gaiety Theatre, Southport).
10.30 Dance Music by "Fats"
Waller and His Rhythm, Artie Shaw
and His Orchestra, Orchestra Tipica
Francisco Canaro, The Six Swingers
and Billy Cotton and His Band.

11.0 Close down.

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When A Man Is Drunk In The Army

When is a man drunk—in the
Army?

Soldiers in the Pioneer Corps
gave their opinions on this at a
court martial at Chelsea Bar-
racks, when Pioneer Edward
James Mower was found Not
Guilty of inciting soldiers to
mutiny and of using insubor-
dinate language to a superior
officer.

He was also charged with conduct
prejudicial to good order and dis-
cipline. The court's decision on this
charge was to be made known later.

Pioneer Mower was alleged to have
told his fellow-soldiers, during an
air raid, not to turn out to work the
next morning. He pleaded that he
was drunk.

Said one Pioneer: "I would not
say a man was drunk until he was
on the floor."

A lance-corporal, though he would
not say a man was sober if he was on
his feet, said that he "was certainly
not drunk."

Another Pioneer, who said Mower
was drunk, declared that he once
fell over, and a fourth said Mower
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URGES REVOLT—Bearded Haile Selassie, Conquering Lion of Judah, is back in Ethiopia organ-
izing tribal chieftains and natives to revolt against Italian victors. He is at left, with British
officers, inspecting his troops armed with British guns.

GOERING STABBED IN PARISIAN CAFE

U.S. Correspondent's Story

AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE GOERING IN A
FAMOUS PARIS RESTAURANT HAS BEEN HUSHED UP BY
THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES OF OCCUPATION THERE.

The Frenchman who tried to stab him was shot within an
hour of the attempt, but a threat uttered by the man as he was
led away has caused Goering to flee from Paris, where for many
weeks he strutted and drove about as a truculent conqueror.

John Vanderbilt, an American
correspondent in Berlin of a
big American radio-network,
now in Britain, tells the story.

Vanderbilt, having obtained first
information from French sources,
asked Braun von Stumm, the Nazi
Government spokesman at a Press
conference:

"Is it true that an attempt has
been made on the life of Field-
Marshal Goering? Is it true that a
Paris waiter has been shot without
trial as a result?"

Vanderbilt says: "Von Stumm
choked with rage and, of course,
denied it."

The facts are: Goering's custom
was to dine at Maxime's, the
celebrated Parisian restaurant,
with ostentatious ceremonial.

One Waiter Overlooked

Every waiter in the restaurant was
hand-picked, or so it was thought.
One had been overlooked—the
coffee waiter.

One night, as he laid the coffee pot
before the Marshal with one hand
he struck a dagger at his back with
the other.

He did not know that Goering
wore a metal-mesh waistcoat. It
deflected the blow, which merely
scratched the German's shoulder.

The waiter was punished on by
Goering's guards. Within an hour
he was executed.

Where Did You Steal That Tiara?

Emmy Goering, stout ex-
actress wife of Hermann, is re-
ported to have been publicly
humiliated by an audience at the
Vienna Opera.

She appeared at the Opera in
an exaggerated evening gown,
and wore a brilliant tiara which
sparkled as she moved, says the
Istanbul correspondent of the
"New York Times."

Emmy sat in the Imperial box.
Then the trouble began.

The secret anti-Nazi opposition
were scattered about the audience
ready for a demonstration.

They began to chant in unison:
"Where did you steal that tiara?"

Policemen ran here and there try-
ing to silence the shouting, but they
could make no impression, although
they arrested twenty demonstrators,
the most of them students.

So the lights were lowered, and
Frau Goering left in a rage.

Nurse Blinded By Gestapo

The Gestapo (Nazi secret
police) blinded the Norwegian
nurse and authoress, Knia Fin-
stad, by ceaselessly playing a
small search-light on her face
in her prison cell.

This is stated by the Swedish
newspaper "Goteborgs Posten".
The torture was designed to pre-
vent her going to sleep.

She had been arrested for anti-
Nazi activity.
When she asked for a Bible, the
Nazis placed one in her cell beyond
her reach.

War Fund Raffle

Owing to the Easter holidays, it has
not been possible to obtain anything
definite as regards the winners of the
principal prizes in the Bomber Fund
Raffle, except that the yacht presented
by Wing On Shing, Shipbuilders,
Cheungshawan, has been won by a
Mr. Chan, "Captain" employed at the
Gloucester Hotel ground floor lounge,
and that a Government servant was
the holder of three winning tickets
which secured for him a typewriter,
a case of Sunlight canned fruit and a
credit coupon for \$100.

As regards the Sunbeam-Talbot
car, donated by Gilman and Co.,
there are several rumours, one that
it had been won by an Indian con-
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to a wealthy Chinese.

A soldier is said to have held a
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prizes donated by Helen's Beauty
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NOVEL DIVORCE PLEA

Allegations of Pro-Nazism

The outcome of a case in
which both parties put forward
charges of pro-Nazism as
grounds for divorce is now
awaiting the Court's considera-
tion of the wife's motion to
strike out her husband's answer
as "full of sham," says Associat-
ed Press from Santa Barbara,
California.

Mr Adolph B. Spreckels, heir
to millions made in Hawaiian
sugar, steamship lines, and Pacif-
ic coast hotel and land opera-
tions, accused his wife of keep-
ing a statuette of Hitler in her
home prior to their marriage.

Mrs Emily Hall Spreckels, in her
divorce suit, charged that Mr Spreckels
exhibited exhibitions of support for the
Nazi cause, particularly the display
of a Nazi flag on their table at a New
York cafe, "publicly insulted and em-
barassed" her. She asked for an
alimony of \$225 a month.

Huband's Charge
Mr Spreckels answered the pro-
Nazi accusation by saying it was an
attempt of his wife to "whitewash"
her own pro-German leanings when
she was the wife of the late Baron
von Romberg.

Mr Spreckels charged that during
1934 the Baroness entertained the
German Prince Louis Ferdinand,
grandson of the former Kaiser, and
with the Prince and her then husband
discussed the possibility of von Rom-
berg's obtaining a prominent position
in Hitler's Government.

Dog Named "Suastika"
Mr Spreckels stated further that in
1938 the Baroness entertained at
Brunnenghausen, her home at Montec-
ito, the German actress, Leni Riefen-
stahl, a friend of Hitler, and later
entertained others connected with
the German Government or the
German Embassy at Washington.

He said that his wife named her
dog "Suastika," gave him a bracelet
with a swastika engraved on it on
the day of their marriage, and
erected a swastika—which he later
removed—outside their new home.
Her activities were such, he added,
that she was investigated by the
Department of Justice last April
"for pro-German activities."

Mr Spreckels added that she was
wealthy in her own right and had no
need for the amount of alimony de-
manded.

Their marriage at Reno in April,
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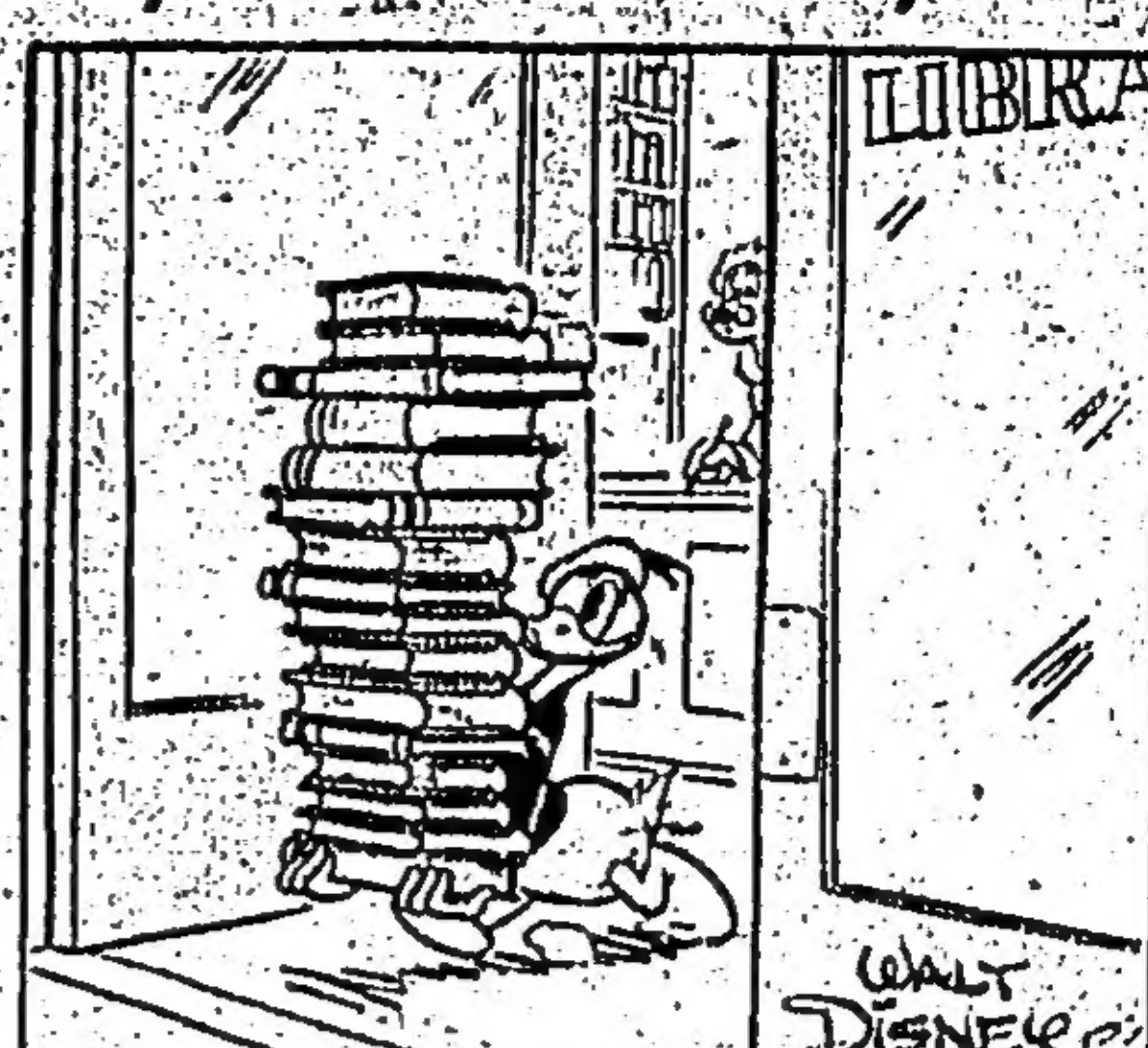
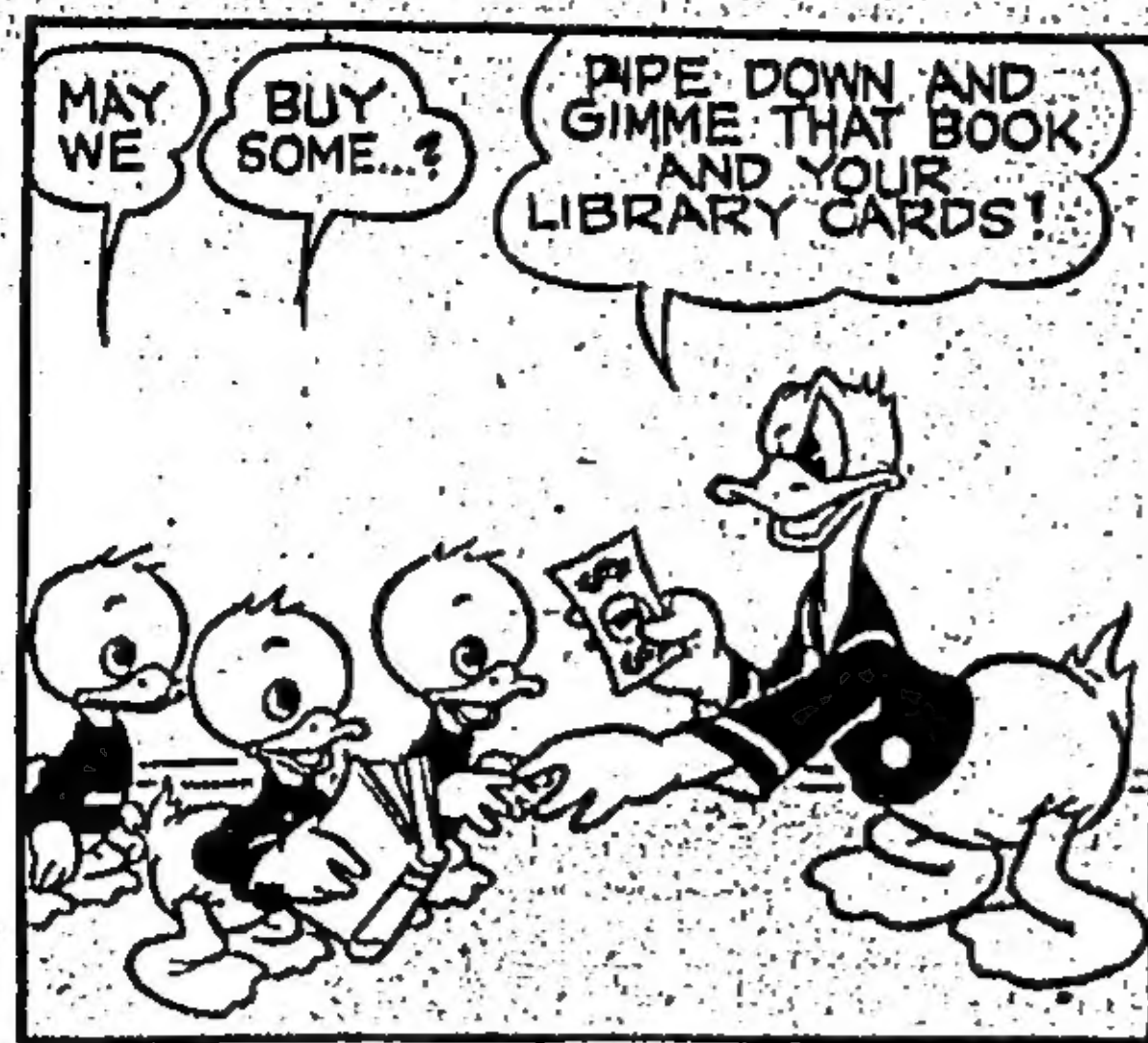
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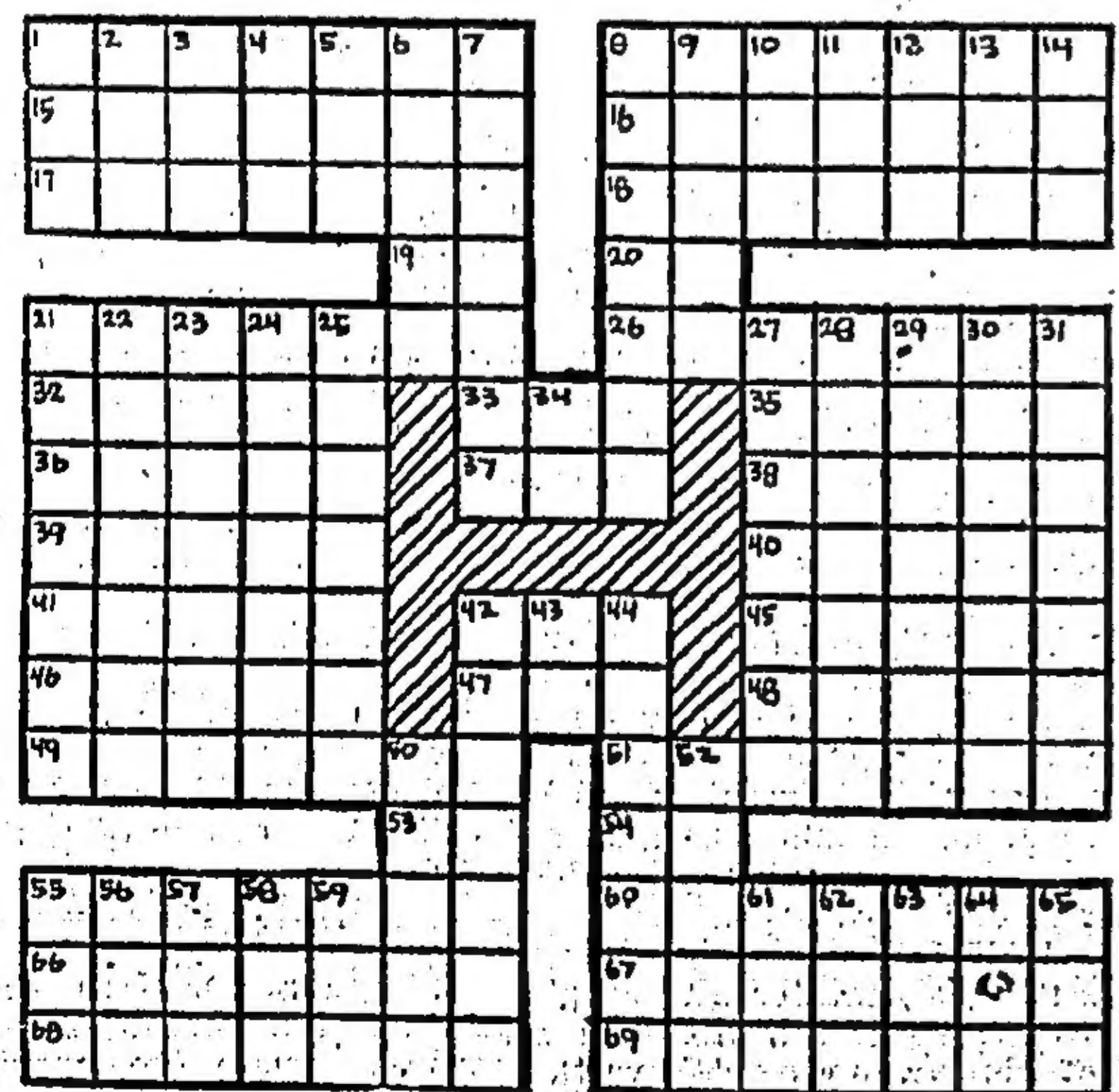
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- Footed.
- Main human being.
- Suffix denoting tumor.
- Small bird.
- Greek letter.
- Residence (abbr.).
- One who promenades.
- An' of Canaanite tribe conquered by Israel.
- Town in France.
- An Indo-Chinese.
- Fish-like mammal.
- Cuttle-fish.
- Food for body.
- Differing essentially.
- Who accepts satisfaction.
- Those who make loans.
- Exclamation.

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- old England
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- mind
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- King of West
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reading. "Flew like an angel but couldn't find his way to London, if you showed him the Thames to

Finally, there was the story of the young trainee up on his first night solo flight in an unarmed machine. He was petrified with nerves. As he was cruising about, a plane hurtled past him in the darkness, nearly brushing his wing-tip. It was only when it had

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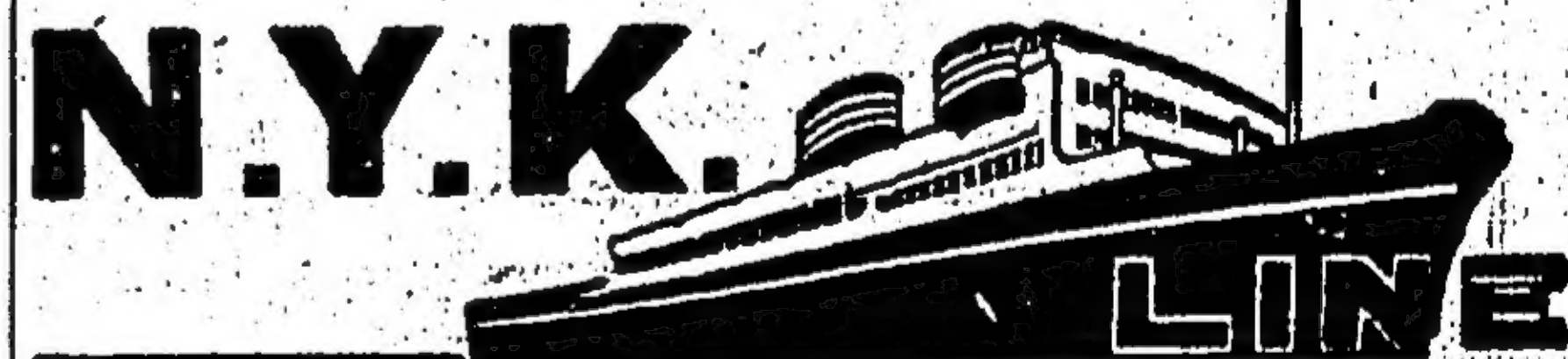
The parrot, who had been sheltering there last few months in the cellar, was rescued. He is a whistling rather than a swearing bird, his favourite tune being the familiar march from "The Police."

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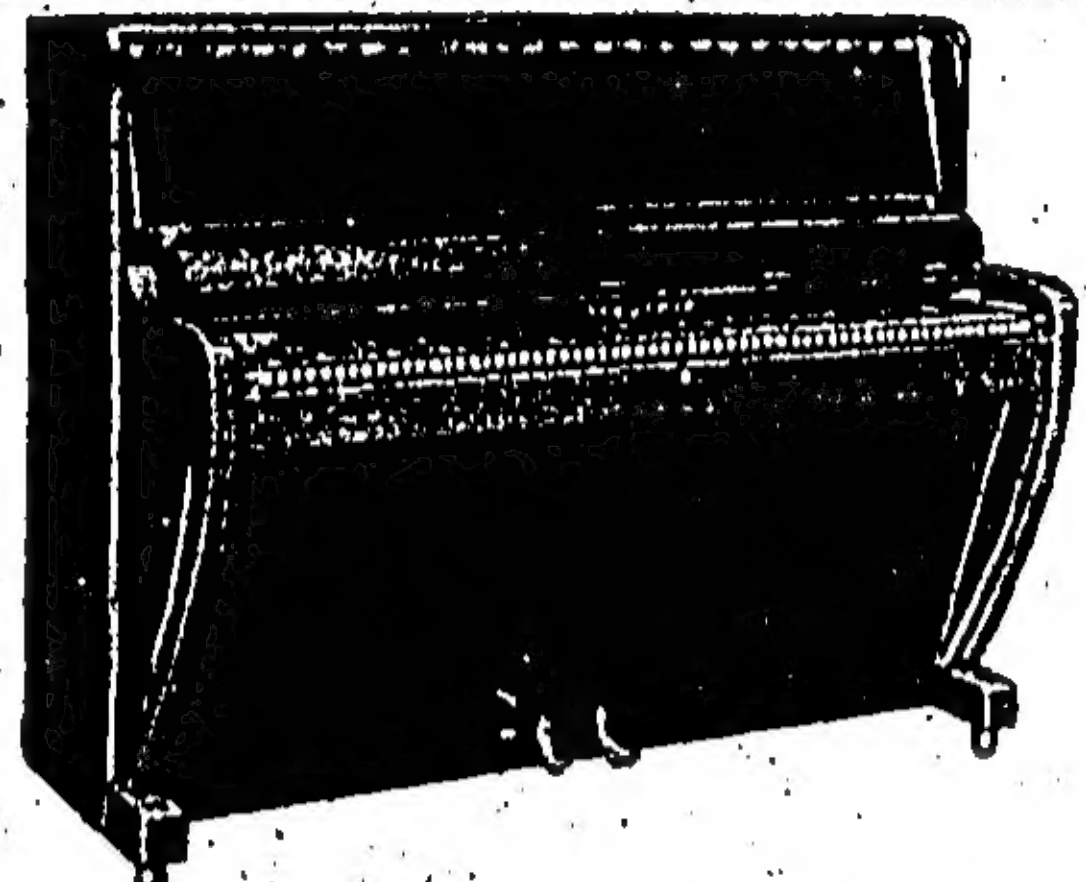


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SOVIET-JAPANESE TREATY

MR Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, returns from his pilgrimage to the Axis shrine in Europe and his homage-paying call on Joseph Stalin to show a paper promise as payment for his strenuous efforts. Japan and Russia have contracted to observe neutrality towards each other for five years no matter what war their countries may be engaged in; they will also respect each other's territory during that time.

A fairly accurate perspective of the treaty seems to be this: Tokyo had made such a point of being friends with the Kremlin at almost any price that a blank rejection of Mr Matsuoka's advances would have been official notice of a hostile attitude. In giving Mr Matsuoka his crumb, Stalin has lost nothing. Both parties to the agreement are fully aware that Axis diplomacy uses treaties only to suit its purpose; the Soviet-Japanese treaty is included in Axis machinations; if it suits either party to intervene contrary to the treaty, "realism" will undoubtedly prevail over written words, and pretence to-day range from minorities to fishing rights. This is no more cynical than is the background of the treaty.

Japan's invasion of China has been frustrated largely by Russian support of the Kuomintang. This support, which in four years has brought Japan to the lowest standard of living in her history, and must have cost her over a million lives, is to be continued as vigorously as Moscow thinks fit. Thus Russia opposes the New Order in Asia, openly and effectively. To crown all, Japan's professed chief aim in Asia is to purge it of Communism and she was an original signatory to the anti-Comintern pact designed almost exclusively against Soviet Russia. The proud Japanese have been compelled to accept a humiliating position and to sue for terms at the behest of Hitler, who shocked Japanese foundations by his sudden treaty of non-aggression with Russia just before the outbreak of war.

It only requires a little calm thinking to assess the new treaty as one of opportunism on Russia's part. Prince Konoze probably was aware of the imminence of the treaty when he stated to the press that Japan did not intend to use force in her southward expansion. For what they are worth the words seem intended to forestall any anxiety that might have been caused by the democracies on publication of the treaty.

Mr Matsuoka may still have a few things in his little bag to show to his government. However, as far as this part of the world is concerned, the "war of nerves" has been a singular flop. Democratic defence conferences have not gone unnoted in Tokyo and a continuation of the full in the Far East is more likely than is any new adventure in the Imperial Way.

CZECHS' SILENT WAR

How Will Hitler Fall?—3

by George Slocombe
the famous Foreign Correspondent

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA is the very heart of the Allied war against Hitler. It was the first victim of the policy of appeasement. It was the first prey thrown to the tiger.

It may prove to be the least digestible of his successive feasts.

Our enemies in the last war were defeated by the Czechs. The collapse of the Central Empires was due in part to the revolution wrought within that vast and formidable-looking facade of power and tyranny—even vaster and more formidable-looking than the conquered Empire now ruled by Hitler—by a few resolute men.

The story of the Czech revolt is one of the forgotten epics of 1914-1918. Two men led it—the tall, scholarly, mild and modest Thomas Garrigue Masaryk; the short, indefatigable and indomitable Edward Benes.

Benes Knew

I have been Benes for twenty years. I have seen him move statesmen at Geneva to admiration by his astonishing perspicacity.

He saw this war coming. He knew the danger of Hitlerism and calmly he prepared to face it.

When the Munich agreement was signed he knew what it meant. He bade his fellow-countrymen farewell in a moving and dignified broadcast and took again the long and hard road into exile which he and the dead Masaryk had taken a generation earlier. But he knew that one day he would return.

I have heard Benes describe the planning of the Czech revolution of the last war. I have heard him describe the planning of the present Czech resistance.

His Partner

His partner in this noble conspiracy is now the son of his earlier comrade, leader and fellow-revolutionary, Jan Masaryk, the Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Czecho-Slovak Government.

Jan Masaryk has the simplicity of his father, the self-taught peasant lad who became a professor at the University of Prague and first President of the Czechoslovak Republic.

He has also the energy, humour and robust commonsense of his American mother.

Once a week he talks to his fellow-countrymen in the occupied territory. His rich, explosive, jesting voice brings them hope and consolation, shrewd scowling and making rude noises, anecdotes at the expense of Hitler's failure to defeat us at sea or in the air, figures about American arms production, German air losses, and the victories of the British and the Greeks in the Mediterranean.

All Czechoslovakia listens in. Its head in approval, winks expressively in secret understanding with its neighbours.

And it takes good care that the news is whispered into every ear, is slipped under doors in the dead of night, is written up on walls, is spoken into the receivers of telephones, and is hinted at in the written or spoken jests of cartoonists, clowns and comedians—the only men who may joke with more or less immunity in the empire of Hitler, for the Nazi is notoriously a humourless person and where along that vast frontier from the North Cape in Norway to the Pyrenees, from the Baltic change of raw materials and

come a listening race.

They listen in silence. But their silence is pregnant with meaning. They listen, and abide their time.

They know the history of their race. They know the history of the Germans. Hope has lightened even darker hours than these. They have learned to possess their souls in patience.

But they are inactive. If open revolt is, as yet, too dangerous—if the terrible massacre of the Czech students in Prague in November, 1939, still serves them as a warning—they are not content with a mere passive resistance.

Mounting Tale

The mounting tale of arrests, executions, deportations to the labour camps in Germany, at tests the stubbornness of the Czech opposition to the invader.

A number of cases of sabotage have occurred in the Czech factories—notably the Skoda works at Pilsen—and on the railways.

Until a few weeks ago the German authorities still believed—notwithstanding the massacre of the students and the other atrocities committed by S.S. and S.A. men—in the possibility of conciliating the Czechs, and in bringing them to accept their position as vassals in Hitler's New European Order.

But now that hope has proved illusory.

Baron von Neurath, the "Protector" of the province of Bohemia and Moravia, and a man who, during his years in London, concealed his brutal instincts and native arrogance under a mask of aristocratic charm and courtesy, recently gave way to a furious outburst of anger and hatred against the Czechs.

Cracks

Since then the mask has been dropped. The Czechs are to be treated as pariahs. All social and intercourse between them and the Germans is forbidden.

I asked Jan Masaryk where and how, in his opinion, the collapse of Hitlerism would occur.

"The cracks in the structure of Italian Fascism," he replied, "there is always the cheap little gangster thumbing his nose and scowling and making rude noises. Not that Hitler is any less cheap. Both Hitler and Mussolini have been doing a couple of sea or in the air, figures about Charlie Chaplins on the world for years, and we didn't see through it."

"The German is a tougher nut to crack than the Italian. The Northern mysticism of the German makes the Nazi more fanatical, more intense, more ruthless and efficient."

"But the German machine will break down like the Italian. Somewhere or other there is a chink in the armour, a weak link in the chain."

"Our job is to search until we find it and then to attack that weak link with all our strength."

Surrounded

"Germany presents a tremendous facade to the world. Somewhere along that vast frontier from the North Cape in Norway to the Pyrenees, from the Baltic change of raw materials and

to the Adriatic, there must be an unguarded passage, an unlocked door.

"Germany is now living in a world surrounded by hate. She has cheated, lied, bullied, tortured, plundered and oppressed. All her neighbours hate her with an increasing hatred."

"How could it be otherwise? The Czech, the Pole, the Belgian, the Norwegian, the Dutchman, the Frenchman cannot forgive and forget such injuries to his national independence, his private liberty, his property, and his cattle, down to the humblest of his possessions."

"It is to these scores of millions of people that we have to appeal."

"We know that our broadcasts night and day are reaching the mark because of the infuriating effect they have on the Germans, and the increasing amount of time and passion they devote to replying to them."

"Their technique is the usual Goebbels technique—insults, inventions, lies, absurdities. The latest story spread about me by the German radio is that I am a Jew and that I am not in London, but in Montevideo."

"But the Czechs know very well that I am here, and that Benes is here. They know that Britain will win the war, that Czech soldiers and airmen are fighting with her, that we are contributing as much as we can to Britain's war effort (among other things, we are manufacturing Bren guns over here), and that our young airmen have already died for Britain."

The Future

We talked of the future shape of Europe. Masaryk knows something of industrial conditions in England and in other countries, and he believes that without adopting any such foolish and futile slogans as making Europe fit for heroes, it must be made a reasonable and safe and comfortable place for the people who work in the mills and factories, on the land and in the mines.

"These are the people," he insisted, "who are winning the war for Britain and her Allies. These are the people who are beating Hitler. It is foolish to talk of frontiers, to discuss the political conditions of the countries now under Hitler's heel."

"The social structure of the world, the economic and political equilibrium of Europe, have and received such terrible shocks that it is impossible to predict what the future of Europe will be at the end of this war."

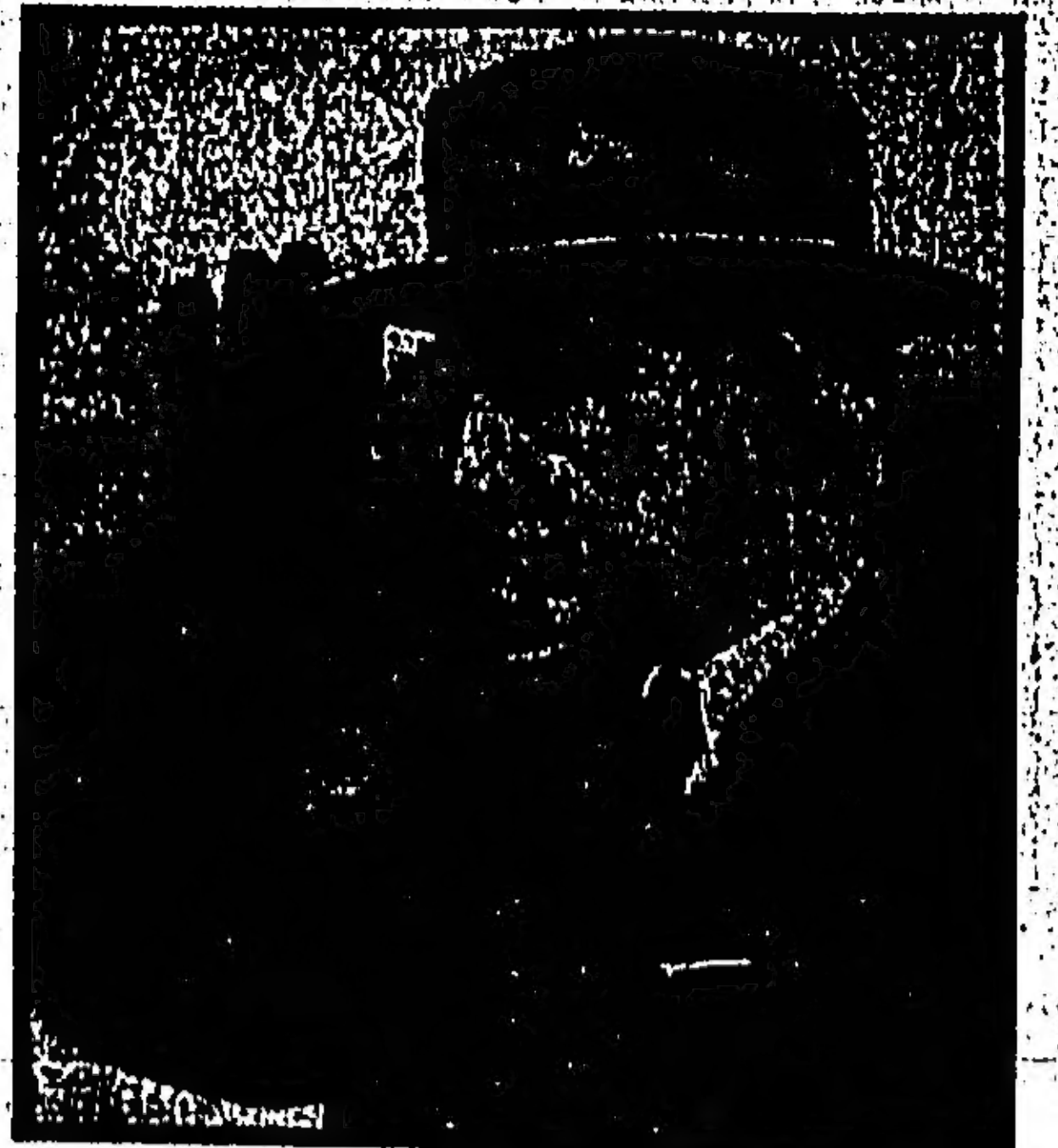
"For myself, I do not exclude the possibility of revolution, perhaps of half a dozen revolutions in Europe. They might take different forms—in France it might be a Jacobin rising, in other countries a social revolution."

"All I know is that when Hitler is defeated the people who have lived in the shadow of his tyranny must have the right to decide what kind of a State they want, what kind of a social and economic structure."

Reconstruction

There must, Masaryk believes, be some kind of economic reconstruction, some kind of economic regrouping.

The agreement recently signed between the Poles and the Czechs, contains the germ of a federation or series of federations of European States based upon reciprocity, mutual aid,



DR BENES... "He saw this war coming. He knew the danger of Hitlerism."

markets, and joint collaboration for security and defence.

This agreement is not exclusive. It is open to other States. Hungary and Austria would be welcomed as partners in such a group.

And a federation or union of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Austria, and possibly also of Yugoslavia, would have the advantage of creating a great incompatible races of Europe, the Teuton and the Slav.

Royalty?

I then raised the delicate question of the Habsburgs. The much-mooted return of that dynasty to the throne of Hungary or Austria, or of both, was always the King Charles Head of the Danubian States after the last war.

It formed the only solid link between Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia. And in pre-Anschluss days a Habsburg restoration was considered as the certain portent of war.

But Jan Masaryk refused to be scared by this bogey.

"Anybody who is against Hitler is my friend," he said. "And until this war is won I will not engage in any controversy with anyone who agrees with me in fighting Hitler."

Allies

"The Habsburgs are the enemies of Hitler. When we have won the war, it is for the people of Austria and Hungary to decide the kind of State they want, whether they want a monarchy or a republic."

"As far as my own people are concerned, we have already made our choice. We have no wish to see the Habsburgs ruling again over Czechoslovakia."

"We were satisfied with our republic, and I know that we shall be satisfied again with it when it is restored."

"We have won our right to independence. Our culture is one of the most ancient in Europe. Our University in Prague, founded in 1348, is the oldest in Central Europe. Before the last war we had reduced illiteracy to less than a half of one per cent, the lowest rate in the world."

For twenty years we lived as a free republic, and in many of our institutions were a model to other countries. It is true that we made mistakes—who has not? But democracy can correct its errors, and we can only live in a democratic republic."

"For us the Habsburgs were, and are, Germans. And the Germans are the hereditary enemies of our nation."

"We have known hard times before; and we shall know them again. But we are a free people, and shall again be free."

"One thing we do not recognise—the Munich Agreement, and the mutilation of our country by force."

First Of All

"We regard ourselves as in the position of a man whose house has been broken into, looted, and seized during his absence on State duty, what kind of holiday."

"The house may or may not have been too big for him, but the first thing he wants to do is to expel the intruder and regain possession of it."

"Afterwards he may decide whether he would do without one of the rooms, or be satisfied with a smaller garden."

Thus Jan Masaryk, the son of the founder of the Czechoslovak republic.

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EASTER IN ENGLAND

Bank Holiday Is Enjoyed

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Although there was no let-up in war production anywhere and armaments factories belched forth smoke as usual, those workers and servicemen off duty celebrated Easter Bank holiday in something approaching peacetime style to-day.

London's West End was crowded from an early hour with holiday-makers, many from provincial centres, and theatres and cinemas did tremendous business. By 11 a.m. it was impossible to secure a seat in the principal cinemas except a handful at top prices, and queues formed outside awaiting the later performances.

Allied Soldiers

A feature of the day was the large number of Allied soldiers and airmen in the uniforms of Poland, Free France, Czechoslovakia, etc., on leave from their posts in the defence areas and seeing the sights of London with British girl friends, many of whom were also in uniform.

At Nottingham, the Easter race meeting attracted a record crowd and hundreds had to be turned away, missing the victory in the Southern Plate, of Selim Hassan, a colt now fancied as the Derby winner, and trained by the Duchess of Norfolk, the young wife of Britain's senior Duke.

Incident In Balkan War

R.A.F. Pilot's Escape

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Chased by the Germans after making a forced landing in No Man's Land between the Nazi and Allied lines in Greece, an R.A.F. Hurricane pilot sprinted three miles over rough ground before being rescued by an Australian patrol.

After an exchange of shots, the German withdrew. His escape, the first recorded from the new Balkan war front, was told by the Air Ministry news service to-day. Returning to his squadron, the pilot said that he was just about dead beat at the time he was picked up.

To an Intelligence Officer, he is reported to have said: "We had been ground strafing the German motorised columns and down the deuce of a lot of damage. Fire from the ground was pretty intense and a lucky shot stopped my engine."

New Iraqi Cabinet

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Said Rashid Ali el Ghalib, the chief civilian in the Iraqi coup d'état, succeeded in forming a Cabinet under his Presidency announced by the Royal Iraqi Legation, shows that Said Rashid is Prime Minister and includes Said Musa al Shabandar as Foreign Minister; Said Najj al Suwaid as Finance Minister; Said Najj al Suwaid as Defence Minister and Said Ali Mahdi al Sheikh Ali as Minister of Justice.

Two Nazi Bombers Shot Down At Sea

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Two German bombers have been shot down by British and French naval units.

Early this morning, a Heinkel fell to the British trawler, King's Tanager, while a Junkers nose-dived into the sea after attacking and meeting a sharp rejoinder from a Free French submarine-chaser on Saturday.

Neither vessel sustained casualties or damage.

Restrictions On Chinese Refused By French

KUNMING, Apr. 14 (International).—A Hanoi report says that the Japanese have pressed the authorities in Indo-China to restrict the departure of Chinese residents from the French colony.

This demand is said to have been rejected by the French.

Dr Quo Tai-chi Says Farewell To Churchill

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Central News).—Dr Quo Tai-chi, outgoing Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James, to-day bade farewell to Mr. Winston Churchill. He remained with the British Prime Minister for about half an hour.

Baseball In Japan

Tokyo, Apr. 14. In the last game of Sunday's double header, Keio University nine swamped Tokyo Imperial University 10 to nil, while the Meiji and Rikyo teams were ruined out in a scoreless tie in the sixth inning, in the second game of the Six University Baseball League.

OUR LOST SEAMEN

Casualties during the first year of war in British merchant ships and fishing vessels are officially given as follows:—Deaths, 1,622 and 89; presumed lost, 134 and 182; presumed lost (cause not yet determined), 139 and 88.

Caste Cleavage In India

Muslim Policy

MADRAS, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Muslims would never agree to any constitution for the whole of India providing for one government at the centre, declared Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, speaking at the League's annual meeting.

He advocated the "establishment of completely independent states" in the north-west and eastern zones of India with full control over defence, finance and foreign affairs.

He declared that Muslims were an independent nationality and that any attempt to get them to merge into a national and political identity with the rest of the population would be resisted.

One government at the centre would mean Hindu communal rule. The Muslim League's policy, he added, was to promote good will and harmony on the basis of equality, fair play and reciprocity.

Seizure Of Axis Ships

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Italy delivered a new note to-day to the United States Government protesting against the seizure of Italian ships.

Details of the note are not published but an Italian official said that it further explained the Italian viewpoint regarding the seizure of the ships.

Pearl River Movements

SHUUKWAN, Apr. 14 (International).—Japanese naval activity on the Pearl River, which is closed to shipping of third Powers, is likely to conclude to-day. At present Japanese transports are steaming up and down the river in the periodical reshuffle of troops.

It is reported that several thousand troops reached Canton over the weekend to cope with a Chinese counter-offensive announced by General Yu Han-mou last Monday in a weekly memorial speech here.

Manila Meeting Of Officials

BATAVIA, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. H. Ritman, head of the Government Information Bureau, who took part in the recent meeting at Manila of the Netherlands East Indies Foreign and Colonial Secretaries with Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, British Commander-in-Chief, Far-East, emphasised in an interview that the meeting was of a "purely incidental" character and not a formal "conference of Powers" as the press had inferred.

MALTESE ENDURE Many Bombs Dropped

MALTA, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—A large number of German aircraft dropped many bombs when flying over Malta in waves during Sunday night.

In one area a few civilian houses were demolished but there were no casualties. In other areas, there was slight damage. An enemy offensive reconnaissance was made to-day but no bombs were dropped.

New Vichy Envoy For Free China

CHUNGKING, Apr. 14 (International).—The National Government has informed the Vichy Government that the appointment of Count Robien as French ambassador to China is approved. The count is to succeed M. Henri Cosme.

The new ambassador served in a similar capacity in Argentina and is now attached to the Foreign Office in Vichy. Another French diplomat of a similar name was attached to the Tokyo Indo-Japanese parley.

Tired People Turn To Countryside In Spring

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Apr. 14 (Domel).—Taking advantage of the bright and warm morning on Sunday, an estimated 4,000,000 people left the capital to visit the countryside.

Bent on viewing the cherry blossoms, which are now in full bloom, some 400,000 jammed the Odawara electric railway facilities seeking to reach the banks of the Tama river and points beyond.

Ueno station was also thronged by close on 400,000 while another 400,000, including many horse-racing fans bound for the Nakayama meet, strained the facilities of the Keioei electric train system. Most of the holiday makers, however, beat a hasty retreat for home when heavy rain swamped the Tokyo area at 3 p.m.

Pole Vault Record

San Francisco, Apr. 12. Cornelius Warmadam, instructor at the Poram High School, to-day established a new world pole vault record by clearing the bar at 4.4 metres.



AS IT IS IN MILAN—British Royal Air Force bombers recently cracked down on Milan, ancient city of Italy and important shipping and manufacturing centre. Firomen search the ruins for possible victims.

Private Killed Corporal: Six Years Sentence

A PIONEER CORPS private, Arthur Burrows, aged 36, was at Sussex Assizes recently sentenced to six years' penal servitude for the manslaughter of Provost Corporal George Thomas Brown, an ex-pugilist.

Brown was shot with a service rifle. The charge had been reduced from one of murder.

Burrows said he had often been attacked by Brown, and he loaded the rifle to frighten him. Burrows said that one day Brown began sparring with him.

"When I saw he knew something more than I did about the thing I packed up," he added.

Later Burrows saw Sergeant Kent and asked Kent if he could get him out of trouble. He had lost two rounds of ammunition.

"Best I Can Do"

Kent later gave him two rounds of ammunition and said, "If this will get you out of trouble, it's the best I can do for you."

Brown sent him to collect four rifles and on the way back he put one round into one of the rifles.

Brown saw him when he returned and remarking "Where have you been?" went to get up.

"I thought he was coming for me," said Burrows. "I picked up the rifle with the intention more or less to ward him off."

Lady Without The Lamp

Nurse Susan McGinley, of Clare Hall Hospital, South Mimms, Middlesex, fined 10s. at Barnet (Herts) recently for riding a bicycle without lights, wrote:—

"As a nurse it was my duty to get to work at all costs to attend to Hitler's wounded and mutilated victims."

"With Herbert Morrison's words 'Go to it' surging through my ears, I, unlike Florence Nightingale—the lady with the lamp—went to it without a lamp, thus falling foul of the law in the honoured purpose of alleviating pain and helping my country to defeat Hitler's death-dealing blows."

The magistrate's clerk: "She might have dealt a death-dealing blow with her bicycle."

SUICIDE TO END TORTURE SAID JUSTIFIABLE

A Southampton coroner recently expressed approval of a man's suicide.

"It was the soundest thing he could have done," he said.

The inquest was on Edward Lench, 37, ship steward, who was said to have suffered intolerable pain and mental agony. He was found gassed.

"The evidence left no doubt that the man, because of his agony, wanted to die," said Mr. Emanuel, the coroner.

"He did for himself what he could not get anybody else to do for him. I daresay that religious people will look askance at me, but the question is: If a man is in severe torture, is it right for him to kill himself?"

"I do not think that there should be any doubt about it."

Mr. Emanuel has been coroner at Southampton for 25 years.

Yesterday's Cash Sweep Numbers

RACE 1	
No. 843	\$1,235.85
" 280	233.15
" 420	170.55
Unplaced ponies (850 each): Nos. 409, 1783, 1941, 254, 3076, 778, 381, 2023.	
RACE 2	
No. 2228	\$1,400.80
" 310	522.80
" 128	201.40
Unplaced ponies (150 each): Nos. 3305, 923, 1641, 1556, 757, 3147, 1758, 1075.	
RACE 3	
No. 2442 and 2757	\$941.18 each
" 2088	250.18
Unplaced ponies (850 each): Nos. 1620, 547, 2401, 3175, 3228, 2445, 676, 2001, 2341, 2082.	
RACE 4	
No. 18	\$1,604.05
" 3078	450.30
" 3007	220.15
Unplaced ponies (150 each): Nos. 1407, 3302, 2208, 903, 650, 2556.	
RACE 5	
No. 4153	\$2,017.40
" 2927	578.40
" 4180	208.20
Unplaced ponies (850 each): Nos. 068, 2801.	
RACE 6	
No. 3787	\$2,046.80
" 2325	594.80
" 686	202.40
Unplaced ponies (850 each): Nos. 3420, 1008, 4200, 2033.	
RACE 7	
No. 3007	\$1,036.20
" 4377	553.20
" 4362	270.60
Unplaced ponies (850 each): Nos. 432, 781, 447, 2454, 609, 966, 2690, 1653, 774, 3203.	
RACE 8	
No. 1659	\$2,041.20
" 3770	553.20
" 424	231.60
Unplaced ponies (850 each): Nos. 3315, 3504, 3456, 2663, 4518, 3622, 3234.	
RACE 9	
No. 2873	\$2,070.50
" 3197	595.50
" 1094	203.70
Unplaced ponies (850 each): Nos. 279, 1066, 1651, 2454, 535, 480, 2772, 416, 67.	
RACE 10	
No. 4089	\$2,125.00
" 3287	607.40
" 1094	203.70
Unplaced ponies (850 each): Nos. 1716, 4200, 640, 2416, 3350, 1581.	
RACE 11	
No. 1976	\$2,053.43
" 2241	598.70
" 2077	290.53
Unplaced ponies (850 each): Nos. 4333, 1220, 1634, 2656, 1046, 3223, 4023, 3412, 4073.	
RACE 12	
No. 3428	\$4,610.50
" 1746	1,217.40
" 4070	639.70
Unplaced ponies (1100 each): Nos. 3363, 1760, 3170.	

DINNER TO CELEBRATE SOCCER SUCCESS

In celebration of their fourth consecutive championship in the senior football league and their winning of the Senior Challenge Shield and the Kewell Athletic Cup, the South China Athletic Association held a dinner at the Ying King Restaurant last night.

There was a large gathering present, including Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, President of the Hongkong Football Association, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. Wong Kiam, Chairman of the Football Council, as well as representatives from other clubs.

The occasion was also taken to make a presentation to Mr. Leung Cheuk-wan, football manager.

Home Racing

Odds-On Favourite Places Third

NOTTINGHAM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The first real test for turf classic candidates to-day furnished a surprise when Keystone, formerly known as a Rosetta filly, ridden by Gordon Richards, started an odds-on favourite and finished third in a field of six in the Southern Three-Year-Old Plate over a mile.

The winner was Mr. Goodbody's Selim Hassan, trained by the Duchess of Norfolk, which beat Mr. Bassel's Mr. Sawyer by three lengths with Keystone a further one and half lengths behind.

The betting was—Selim Hassan 7/2; Mr. Sawyer 7/1; Keystone 4/9.

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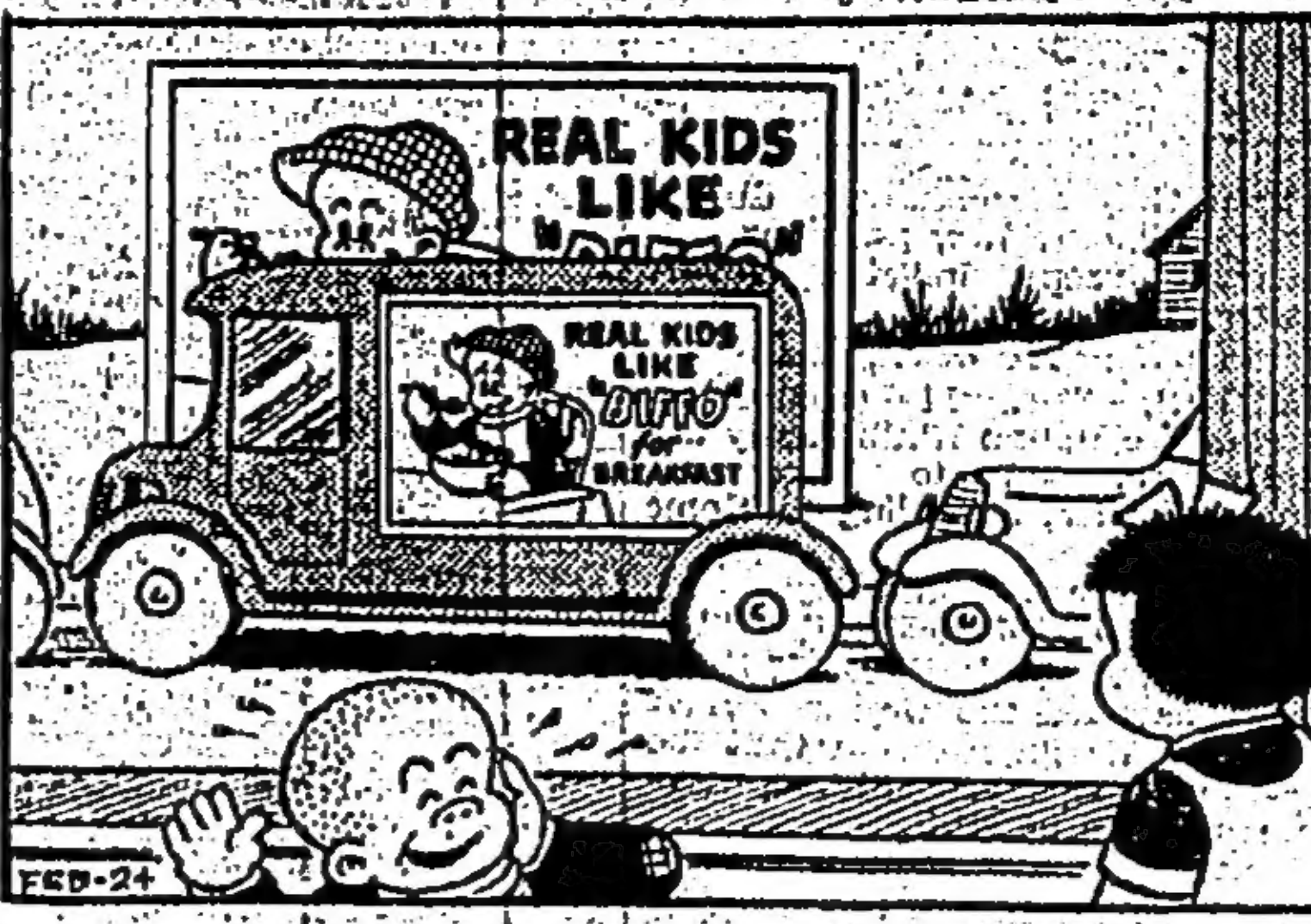
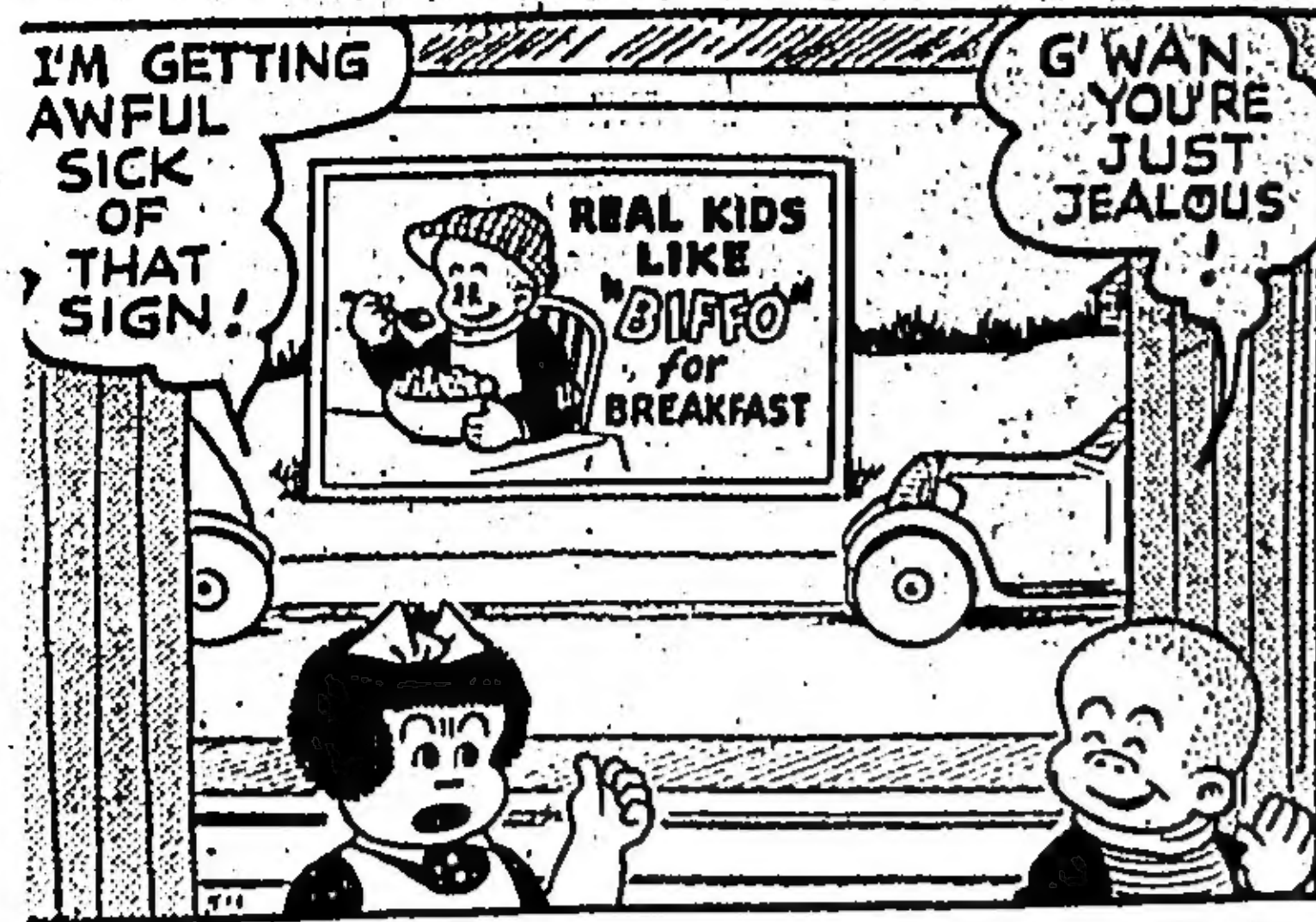
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By Ernie Bushmiller

American Planes For Far East Air Defence

ALTHOUGH BRITAIN'S NEED FOR AIRCRAFT IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE OF WAR IS SAID TO BE AS ACUTE AS EVER, BRITISH AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN SENDING A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF AMERICAN-MADE BOMBERS AND PURSUIT SHIPS TO SINGAPORE DURING THE PAST SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS, WRITES JOSEPH G. HARRISON, IN THE "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR."

Information as to size of these shipments varies, but it is known that past and potential shipments amount to several hundred of the fast fighting craft.

Thus, within the past six weeks Britain is known to have shipped approximately 190 Brewster "Buffalo" pursuit planes to the Far East from the United States. Aviation experts in Washington contend that these ships, which have seen service in their air war over Europe, are more than a match for any ship that Japan can put in the air-against them.

There is also good reason to believe that some of the powerful long-range "flying boat" bombers, built by the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation and known as PB1Ys, and PB2Ys, are being flown or shipped from the west coast to British airfields in the Far East.

The same is true of the Lockheed "Hudson" bomber, a large number of which are now in use in Great Britain. The British, who have found this land-plane bomber to be quite satisfactory, placed orders for it as long ago as 1938 and consequently deliveries of it are said to be of sufficient quantity to permit diversion of deliveries to British forces in the Far East.

Flight Range of Planes

Whereas, the PB1Ys could easily fly from California to Singapore by way of American and British Pacific possessions, it is doubted here if the Lockheeds, which have a cruising range of approximately 2,000 miles, could do the same, since some of the hops, particularly that between the United States and Hawaii, would be a long pull for such a plane, even though extra gas tanks were placed in empty bomb racks.

Hot Summer This Year

Caused By Sun Spots

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, April 14 (UP).—Dr Albert J. Newlin, director of the Ricard Memorial observatory, made a long forecast recently predicting "unusually wet weather" during the next few years with a hot summer in 1941 caused by a heavy sun spot cycle.

Dr Newlin said sun spots reached their maximum in 1939, but have not declined at the usual rate and are causing "irregularities" in the weather.

He believed the sun spots may suddenly decline in about three years, resulting in a return to normal rainfall and cooler temperatures.

COMING SOON



To The LEE THEATRE



BRITONS SLEEPING LESS

A Gallup Survey has just been taken on the question of how much Sleep Britons are getting by the British Institute of Public Opinion. Here is the answer:

Yes	44 per cent.
No	52 per cent.
Don't know	4 per cent.
Forty-five per cent. of women said they were sleeping less, compared with 41 per cent. of men.	
The following table shows the number of hours slept each night on the average:	
6 hours or less	8 per cent.
6 1/2 hours	3 per cent.
6 3/4 hours	15 per cent.
6 1/2 hours	5 per cent.
6 3/4 hours	22 per cent.
7 1/2 hours	7 per cent.
7 3/4 hours	22 per cent.
8 hours	3 per cent.
8 1/2 hours	3 per cent.
9 hours	6 per cent.
More than 9 hours	9 per cent.

LORD HAW HAW'S FATHER DIES OF BROKEN HEART

Mr Michael Joyce father of Germany's notorious broadcaster on English programmes, William Joyce, internationally known as "Lord Haw Haw," died in London recently from heart disease.

It is stated that although reluctant to discuss his son's pro-Nazi broadcasts, he was known to have been bitterly opposed to them, considering them a slur on the family name.

William Joyce fled to Germany before the war, and since the outbreak has constantly delivered anti-British broadcasts.

Early Blitz Victim

Mr Michael Joyce was one of the earliest "blitz" victims in London. During the first big night raid in September, a bomb fell near his home at Dulwich Common, forcing his family to leave their house. They moved to East Dulwich, where Mr Joyce died. He and his wife were both from the West of Ireland.

The "Sunday Pictorial" devoted the whole of its front page in a recent issue to the story, under the heading in poster-size type, "Haw Haw Killed His Father."

It declares that Mr Michael Joyce died of a broken heart, and adds that his wife said, "I am the mother of a traitor. I cannot help it, but if one son is a scoundrel I have others who are not."

London Fashions For America

London mannequins are leaving for South America to display '72 models at Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro.

Nine London dress designers are at work on the models: Creed, Norman Hartnell, Lachasse, Molynaux, Digby Morton, Paquin, Peter Russell, Victor Stiebel, and Worth.

These famous designers have been busy creating new fashions from British fabrics in wool, cotton, rayon, silk, linen and lace.



NEW ENVOY.—Britain's new Ambassador to U. S., Lord Halifax, left, who arrived on the mighty battleship, King George V, met State Secretary Hull at State Department, Washington. Envoy was met by President Roosevelt at Annapolis anchorage. Lord Halifax lost left hand in boyhood accident and the paper hides empty sleeve in picture above.

Economic Poverty May Force Japan To Drive Southward

By MAX L. BROWN

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, APRIL 14 (UP).—ECONOMIC DESPERATION MAY IMPEL, RATHER THAN BLOCK, A JAPANESE MILITARY DRIVE SOUTHWARD INTO THE RICH ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC, SAYS DR ROBERT C. SHOOK, THE ECONOMIST.

In an exclusive interview with the United States, Dr Shook, vice-president of the International Statistical Bureau and co-author of the recently published book "American Business in a Changing World," asserts that it would represent "wishful thinking" to believe that progressive economic deterioration will prove a prelude to lessened Japanese military activity.

Dr Shook said that there can be no doubt of the steady deterioration of Japan's economic position, with currency circulation, prices and the cost of living showing inflationary increases, and foreign trade curtailed by both the European war and moral and actual embargoes growing out of the straining of political relations with the United States.

"However," he warned, "modern economic history as written since 1933 emphasizes the fact that economic pressures do not necessarily result in depression and collapse and a limiting of the national effort."

"Frequently the result is exactly the opposite. Where centralized authority already is in control, the result of internal economic pressures frequently reflects itself in a strengthening of that control and a speeding up of political aggression and external military activity."

Germany's Case

"Economists who at first predicted a collapse in Germany because of

Indications

"These are not the moves of a government which is feeling economic pressure and which is planning to reduce its military activity as a result. Rather, while these moves

Southward Drive News

From Hainan Island

Kwangchowwan, Apr. 14.—The Japanese southward drive preparations which seemed to have been postponed have now been renewed with the German successes in the Balkans.

Indications are shown in Formosa and Hainan, main bases for the Japanese operations, where additional Japanese naval units are concentrated, while busy troop movements are reported from Chungshan, Hsien Tsiang, and Po On during the past week after the Japanese closure of the Pearl River.

Well equipped Japanese contingents consisting of about ten thousand soldiers were heading southward from Formosa and Central China late last week.

Curlew was declared at Hsien Tsiang for three days from April 6, when the Japanese were reported to be laying mines off the shore.

Officials of the pro-Japanese Peace Maintenance Committee at Hsien Tsiang said that closure of the river was connected with Japanese military movement in the delta where the Japanese were rebuilding emplacements.

On April 8 and 9 a number of Japanese transports entered the Canton river with large quantities of ammunition and defence materials for Hsien Tsiang, including, it is said, several long range guns which will be mounted in the batteries at Shinkok and Waiyuen.

Among the large number of Japanese naval vessels stationed in the Gulf of Tonkin and China Sea near Hainan and Luluchew peninsula, there are three battleships three aircraft-carriers and nine heavy cruisers.

Japanese planes have been practicing bombing attacks on warships off the coast of Hainan, where a black-out is enforced after 9 p.m. every night since last week. Greater activities by Japanese naval units on waters between Hainan and Spratly Island were reported during the past fortnight.

A heavy quantity of military supplies was shipped to the Spratly Islands from Sam Ah and Yulin. Japanese naval bases in southern Hainan. Aerodromes were constructed on Spratly Islands with the aid of German military advisers.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Wagner Theory Shocks Nazi Father Non-Aryan

Much interest has been aroused by an appendix which the British musical authority, Mr Ernest Newman, has added to the third volume of the American edition of his life of Richard Wagner. He expresses the opinion that there is now overwhelming evidence in support of the theory that Wagner's father was Ludwig Geyer.

Geyer, the "New York Times" points out, had Jewish blood and Wagner has been claimed by the Nazis as the high priest of their racial doctrines.

Wagner's paternity has for years been a source of controversy. He was born in Leipzig in 1813, and six months later his mother was left a widow. The following year she married Ludwig Geyer, a friend of her former husband, and an actor, playwright and amateur portrait painter.

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Merciless Bombing By R.A.F.

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forces in Greece withdrew during Saturday night to new positions. Covering troops inflicted severe casualties on the enemy.

Koritsa Re-occupied
LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Troops of the Italian Ninth Army are officially reported to have re-occupied Koritsa, according to Rome radio.

Counter-Attacking
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—Military quarters asserted the Germans have re-occupied Kragujevac but that the Yugo-Slav troops are still counter-attacking north of Nish.

Local Resistance
BERLIN, Apr. 14 (UP).—The official news agency states the Serbs are continuing "only local resistance at isolated spots," which the Germans are mopping up very quickly. There is still no confirmation or denial of the Rome and London despatches that the Germans had contacted British troops in Greece. Eye witnesses report that there has been almost uninterrupted rainfall in Greece since the second day of hostilities.

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of the Republic of China and always remained Chinese territory.

"The Chinese Government and people cannot recognise any engagement entered into by third Parties which are derogatory to China's territorial and administrative integrity and wish to state that the Soviet-Japanese declaration just announced has no binding force whatsoever upon China."

Successor To Rev. "Pat" McCormick

The late Rev. Pat McCormick's successor at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, is the Rev. Eric Stephen Loveday, rector of St Peter's, Bristol. He is 36.

His church was destroyed by bombs. St Martin's has been damaged.

At St Peter's Mr Loveday made a reputation for social work. His lunch-hour gatherings for business men and women were addressed by distinguished preachers of all denominations, and attracted large congregations.

Mr Loveday, who is a native of Aberystwyth, and is the son of Alderman and Mrs P. B. Loveday, has preached at Westminster Abbey, and many cathedrals.

Kaiser's Grandson In England

Prince Frederick of Prussia, grandson of the ex-Kaiser, is in an internment camp in England waiting to know whether the authorities will grant his application to join the Pioneer Corps.

With 280 other aliens who were deported to Canada in the summer he has just been brought back. Some of his companions, Germans and Austrians, have already been released for service with the Pioneers.

Prince Konoye Attacked

Six men are stated to have recently attacked Prince Konoye, Prime Minister of Japan, on a golf course, according to a Shanghai despatch to the "New York Times," quoting a Tokyo report. Prince Konoye's body-guard has now been increased.

Extremists in Japan, the despatch continued, are said to be angered by the Government's alleged failure to arrange a non-aggression pact with the Soviet.

LATE NEWS



CAPONE QUIZZED—Smiling behind dark glasses, former underworld king Al Capone leaves Miami Federal building with his lawyer, Ben Telford. U.S. attorneys questioned him about the \$201,347 income tax judgment against him, as yet uncollected.

New Bombers Fly Ocean To Aid Britain's Fight

(By "Reuter's" Air Correspondent)

LONDON, Apr. 14.—A number of new-type United States four-engined flying fortresses have reached Britain from the United States, beating all records in their flight across the Atlantic.

They are known as Boeing B17C and are the first deliveries of this advanced type - to be received by the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Shortly they will be flying alongside British and other types of United States four-engined bombers, to add further power to the growing weight of the R.A.F. bombing offensive.

The new Boeing is a development of the first flying fortress from Boeing's Seattle factory and incorporates an important advancement. Though not the latest of the inter models, its four Wright Cyclone engines, each of 1,200 h.p., give it a speed of 300 miles an hour at 25,000 feet while at 220 miles an hour, it has a range of 2,450 miles, which would enable it to fly from Britain as far as Arctic Norway, the eastern border of pre-war Poland or the heel of Italy and back. It can carry a very heavy bomb load.

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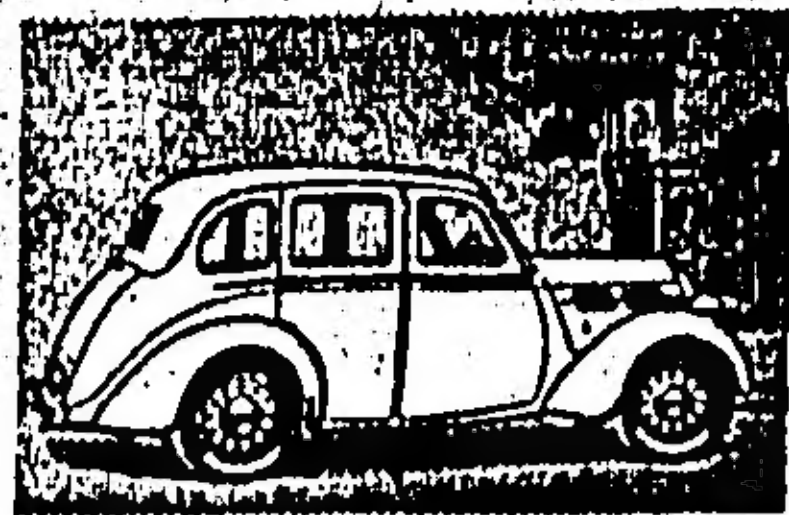


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MERCILESS BOMBING BY R.A.F. AS ALLIES STRENGTHEN DEFENCES

LONDON, APR. 14 (REUTER).—R.A.F. AND GREEK AIR SQUADRONS ARE MERCILESSLY BOMBING AND MACHINE-GUNNING THE GERMANS IN THE MONASTIR AREA WHERE THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE CONCENTRATING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES, SAYS THE GREEK MINISTRY OF WAR BULLETIN QUOTED BY THE ATHENS RADIO.

British Fall Back In Greece, But Defy Nazis In N. Africa

By JOE ALEX MORRIS
Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Apr. 14 (UP).—British troops have been forced back along the Greek front, London admitted to-night, and Rome claimed the capture of strategic Koritza which may open a route for a flank movement against the British and Greek main defences.

POSITION ON ALL FRONTS

—Communique

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—A War Office communique just issued announces as follows:

Greece

"Greece.—During Saturday night, our forces withdrew to new positions. Our covering troops inflicted severe casualties on the enemy who maintained a continuous pressure on our eastern sector during this withdrawal.

"There is marked activity on the right of our line but there have been no serious clashes. In the centre of our sector, persistent German attacks failed largely owing to our vigorous artillery fire. The weather is extremely cold with snow.

Libya

"Libya.—This (Monday) morning, enemy infantry, supported by tanks, launched an attack on Tobruk. At one point, about 20 tanks crossed the outer defences. An immediate counter-attack was launched by our tanks, as the result of which the enemy were ejected after sustaining very severe losses in both tanks and personnel. The situation has been completely restored.

"Our troops are in contact with and have inflicted considerable casualties on advanced enemy detachments in the vicinity of Sollum.

Abyssinia

"Abyssinia.—Our pursuit of the beaten and disorganised enemy is continuing. Many prisoners are still coming in, including a divisional commander and a Brigade commander."

London was vague as to the point at which the withdrawal of British troops in Greece had occurred, but the mention of pressure on the eastern flank southwest of Salonika may indicate the region of retirement.

This report and the Italian claim of the recapture of Koritza may indicate that the Anglo-Greek Allies will shortly be forced to fall back on a short secondary defence line from Joannina to Larissa, or possibly a more defensible front in mid-Greece.

Situation in Africa

In contrast to the dark picture of the operations on the Greek front, London indicated that the situation in Africa—where Nazi panzer divisions are developing serious thrusts towards the Suez Canal—has not deteriorated appreciably.

The British are said to have beaten off a stiff German attack at Tobruk in which tanks and infantry were employed. The mention of infantry, however, indicates that the Germans are following up their fast moving armoured columns with the rapid transport of infantry units to the

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Break From Sing Sing

Four Men Die

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OSSINING, N.Y., Apr. 14 (UP).—Two Manhattan convicts who shot their way out of Sing Sing Prison to-day have been recaptured in Rockland County, on a mountain side, and have returned here after seven hours of liberty.

Joseph Rordan, 23, and Charles McGinnis, 42, broke from the Sing Sing Hospital at 2 a.m. and fled to the wooded rocky west side of the Hudson River in a fisherman's boat after killing a guard and a patrolman. A third convict, John Walters, 30, was killed by a patrolman and a fourth, McGovern Miller, 35, died of a heart attack which Warden Lawes said was due to the excitement.

The failure of the Germans to effect a breakthrough during the first days together with the continuous and effective reinforcement of the Allied lines of resistance, adds the bulletin, has confirmed the general conviction that a very strong front has been established, stretching from the Adriatic Sea to the Aegean Sea.

The positions occupied by the Allied forces are natural strongholds which do not at all lend themselves to the tactics of mechanised blitz warfare.

All reports concur that the situation may be considered as highly satisfactory.

"No major activity to report," adds the bulletin.

Serb Army Intact

The radio announcer quoted a Press Ministry statement that it would appear that the great bulk of the Yugo-Slav Army remains intact and has retired to the mountains where it is easy to maintain the defensive and from where it could constitute a permanent threat to the flanks of the invaders.

The situation in Northern Yugo-Slavia is obscure but it seems probable that the Yugo-Slav forces have retired from the wide plains of Croatia, Slovenia and Banat and are now moving southward to the highland regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and are approaching Serbia, where a strong defence can readily be maintained.

Enemy Communications

The situation in Southern Yugo-Slavia has materially improved during the last 48 hours. It is confirmed that the Yugo-Slav forces have attacked and dislocated German communications and have inflicted many casualties on the enemy.

The Germans, says the statement, are unable to use their mechanised and armoured units in this highland region.

Clash Inevitable

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—"General Simovitch may organise resistance in the centre of Yugo-Slavia to gain time," declares the "Glorious Daily" to-day.

"In any case, the withdrawal of British troops from the Balkan Peninsula seems out of the question. We must, therefore, expect an encounter between the Axis forces and the British Imperial Army and more so since that seems to have been the aim of Mr. Eden's recent visit to the Near East and since Mr. Churchill referred to it as one means of shortening the war."

Referring to President Roosevelt's decision to send American ships through the Red Sea, the paper says that the Axis will deal with American convoys according to International Law.

Take Up New Positions

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The War Office announces that British TURN to Back Page, Column 3

LATEST

British Bombers & Fighters In Action

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. continued on Sunday to harass German troops hammering at the gateways to Egypt and Greece.

Both bombers and fighters were employed in dispersing enemy concentrations in various areas in Cirenaica. Successful bombing and machine-gunning attacks were also made on enemy motor transport convoys astride the German road communications between Mars and Sollum.

Bombers carried out a large number of sorties against enemy columns on the roads in the theatres of operations in Greece and, according to an R.A.F. communique, "direct hits were obtained on these columns by most of our aircraft."

In Albania

Fighters intercepted a number of enemy bombers, escorted by fighters, in the Koritza area. One Fiat monoplane fighter was destroyed and a number of others were damaged.

A Messerschmitt twin-engine fighter was shot down west of Mount Olympus by an R.A.F. fighter.

On Sunday night long-range R.A.F. bombers winged their way to the Central Mediterranean and bombed the harbour of Tripoli, the base for German reinforcements to the African war front. Shipping was straddled and one large vessel was seen to be burning fiercely.

A power station and Customs house were also attacked.

South Africans

South African Air Force planes cleaning up the last nests of enemy aircraft in Italian East Africa made another successful raid on Kombolcha aerodrome in Abyssinia. Two enemy bombers were burnt out and several other fighters and bombers were damaged. Explosions were caused on Malta in a combined fighter-bomber raid on Saturday night but caused no serious damage.

One Messerschmitt and one R.A.F. fighter were shot down but the British pilot is safe.

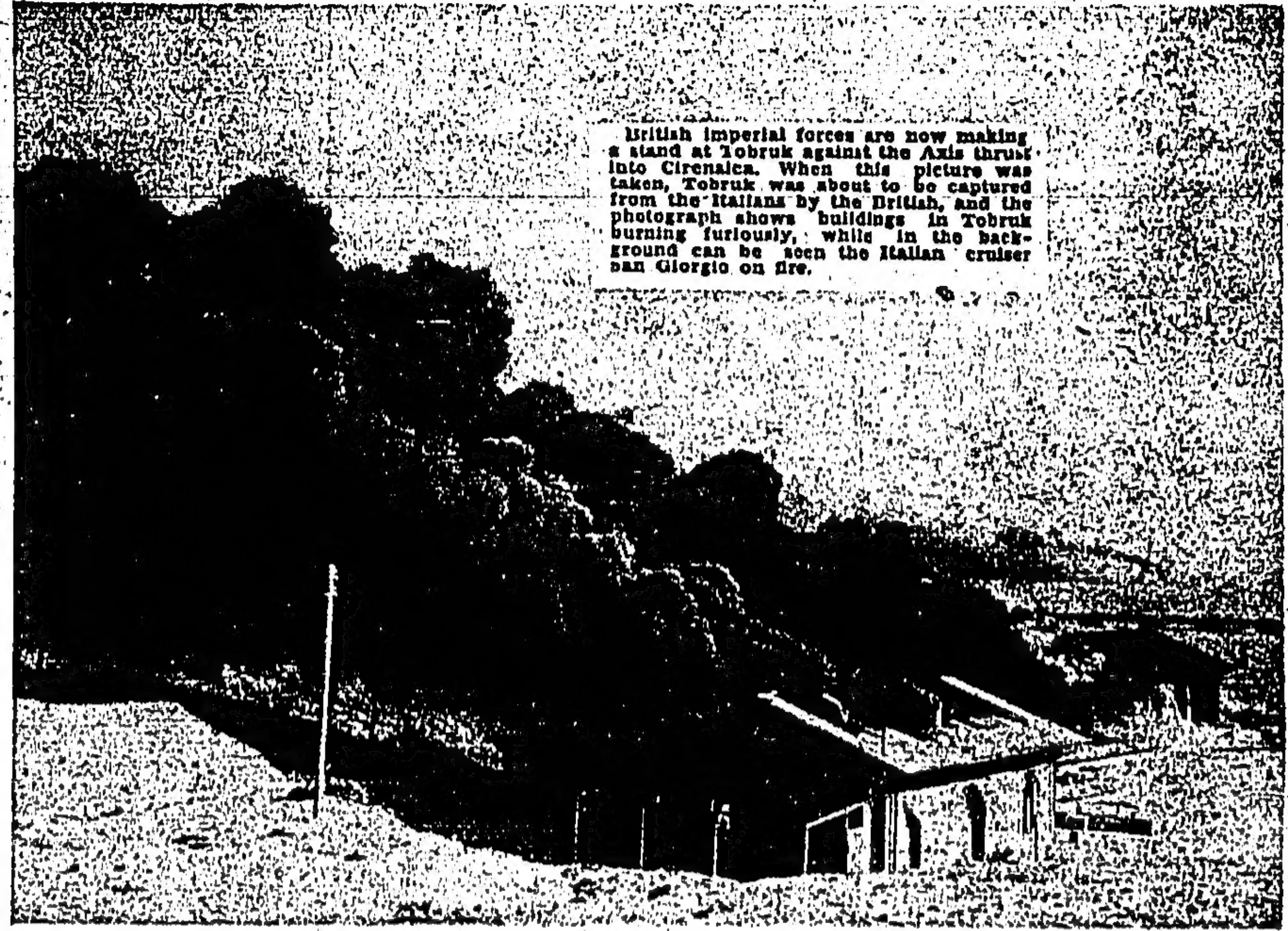
GREAT BRITAIN RAIDED With Little Loss

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—German aircraft flying singly have dropped bombs at several widely separated places in various parts of England during to-day.

Casualties were very few and though damage was done at some points, it was nowhere very great.

An Air Ministry communique states also that machine-gun attacks were made at some points but were entirely ineffective.

One enemy bomber was destroyed in North Wales last night.



British Imperial forces are now making a stand at Tobruk against the Axis thrust into Cirenaica. When this picture was taken, Tobruk was about to be captured from the Italians by the British, and the photograph shows buildings in Tobruk burning furiously, while in the background can be seen the Italian cruiser *San Giorgio* on fire.

Germans May Attempt Pincer Movement Against The Suez

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Apr. 14 (UP).—The Turkish Radio at Istanbul has advanced the opinion that the German High Command intends to turn to the eastern Mediterranean basin to attack Palestine, the Suez Canal and Egypt in a pincer operation.

It is intended to pinch off the British operations on the Nile, while the other half of the pincers close in on Libya, thus liberating the isolated Italian armies in Ethiopia, if the Duke of Aosta can hold out long enough in his mountain positions, aided by the seasonal rains which are due in May.

The announcement pointed out that Hitler has his choice of using either Turkey or Russia as a corridor. It was explained that that is why Axis agents are preparing the terrain for transport of the German armies through Iraq, Iran and Syria, but it was suggested that the German High Command may find passage through Turkey too difficult.

Americans Warned Again

ISTANBUL, Apr. 14 (UP).—The United States Consulate to-day circularised all United States citizens for the third time since August 25, 1939, urging them to "make plans for prompt departure unless you are prepared to remain in Turkey regardless of conditions which may be expected in event of war."

Developments in the Balkans have brought the war to the frontiers of Turkey. In the event of an extension of the war in this country it will probably be extremely difficult if not impossible, to leave Turkey by any normal means of transportation.

About 300 Americans have already left Turkey.

Strike Averted

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The United States Steel Corporation has averted the strike called by the Trade Union Congress of Industrial Organisations for Tuesday night by granting a wage increase of ten cents an hour and more liberal holidays to its 240,000 employees.

The increase dates retrospectively from April 1. The new hourly rate will give employees a weekly increase of about \$4 each.

New Pact Explained By Hull

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—"The significance of the pact between the Soviet Union and Japan relating to neutrality as reported in the press to-day could be over-estimated," declared the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in a formal statement.

"The agreement would seem to be descriptive of the situation which has in effect existed between the two countries for some time past. It, therefore, comes as no surprise although there has existed a doubt whether the two governments would or would not agree to say it in writing.

"The policy of this Government, of course, remains unchanged." Mr. Hull departed from his usual practice at a press conference by issuing a formal statement on this matter.

Chungking Statement

CHUNGKING, Apr. 14 (Central News).—Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, issued to-day the following statement:

"The U.S.S.R. and Japan issued a joint declaration wherein Japan undertook to respect the territorial integrity and inviolability of the so-called 'People's Republic of Mongolia' and the Soviet Union undertook to respect the territorial integrity and inviolability of the so-called 'Empire of Manchukuo'."

"It is an indisputable fact that the four Northeastern Provinces and Outer Mongolia are an integral part of China."

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Danish Envoy To U.S. Defies Nazi Control

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. Henrik de Kauffmann, Danish Minister in Washington, has formally advised the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, of his refusal to recognise his recall by the Copenhagen Government.

Mr. de Kauffmann signed an agreement in Washington on Wednesday placing Greenland under the protection of the United States Government and giving America the right to establish air-bases there.

The Danish Foreign Office in Copenhagen ordered Mr. de Kauffmann to return to Denmark after acknowledging receipt of his report on the signing of the agreement.

Mr. de Kauffmann had previously acknowledged in President Roosevelt's name the purchase of Danish ships in

United States ports which are being held in United States custody.

Ignored Orders

Mr. de Kauffmann declared that he had not notified the Danish Government in advance of his intention to sign the Greenland agreement. He added that he had ignored orders from Copenhagen to lodge a protest with the United States Government against the seizure of Danish ships.

The United States has refused to recognise the Danish Government's action in recalling Mr. de Kauffmann and has notified the latter that he will continue to be considered as the duly authorised Danish Minister in Washington.

Berlin Disappointed In Moscow-Tokyo Pact

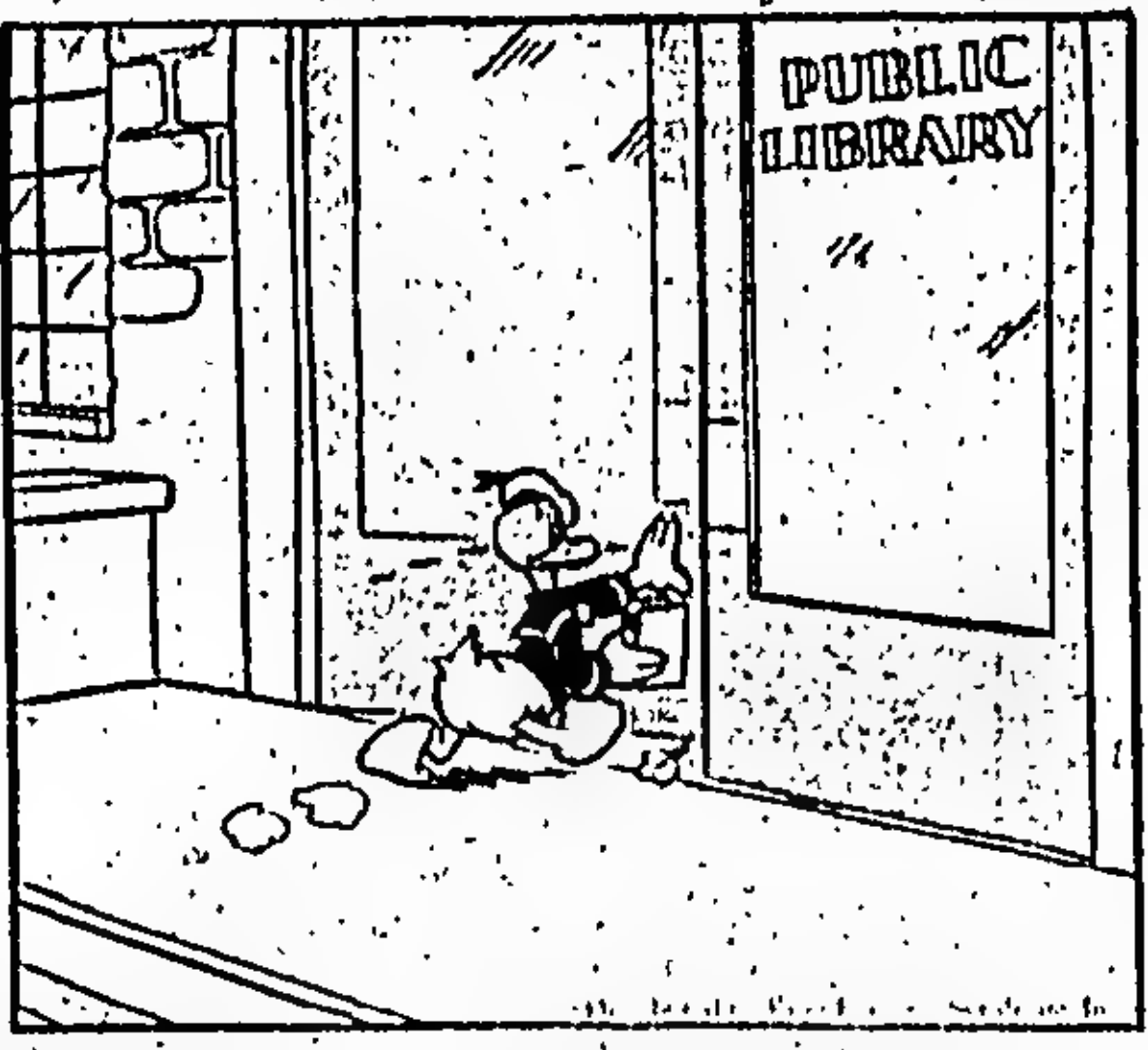
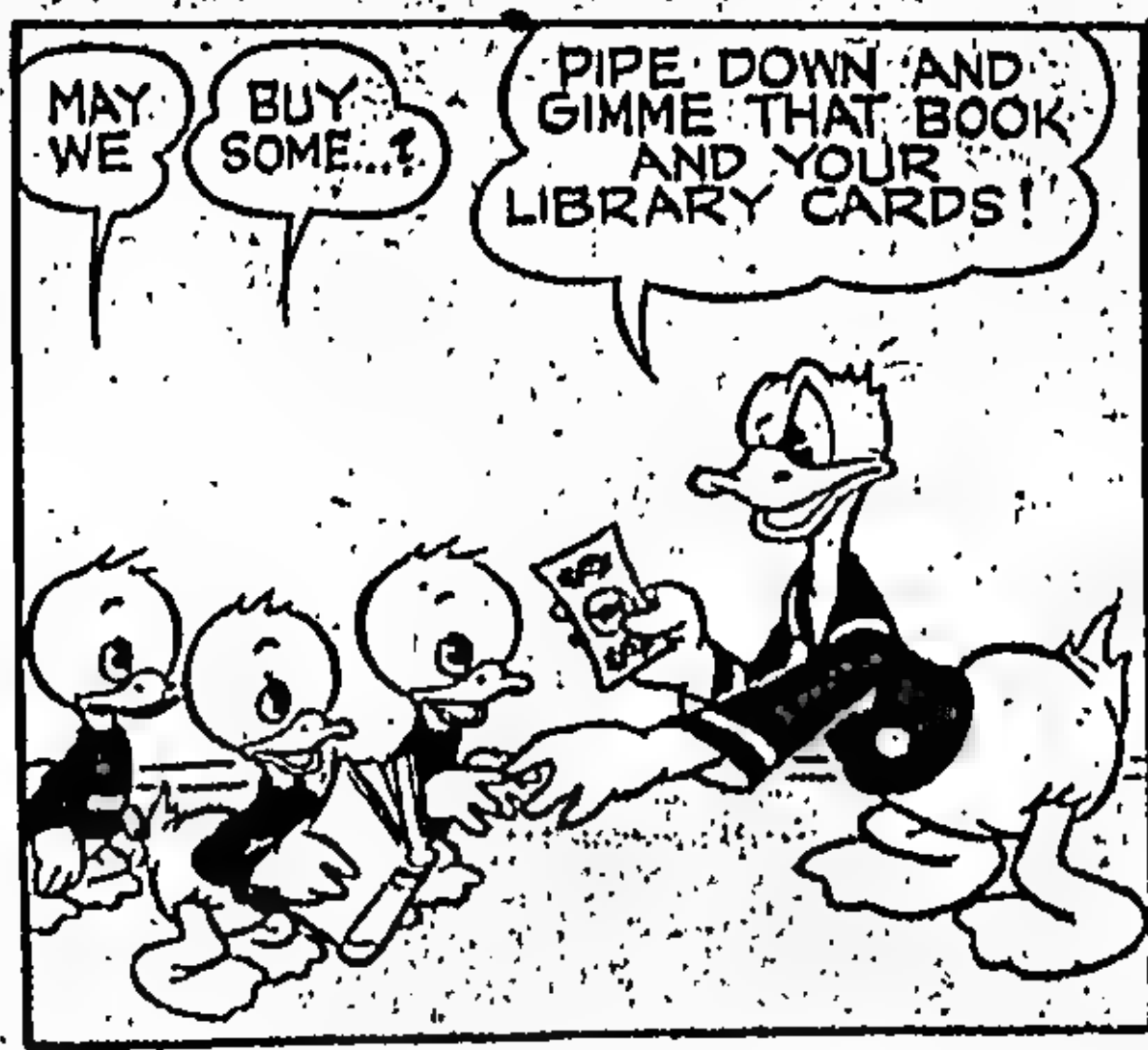
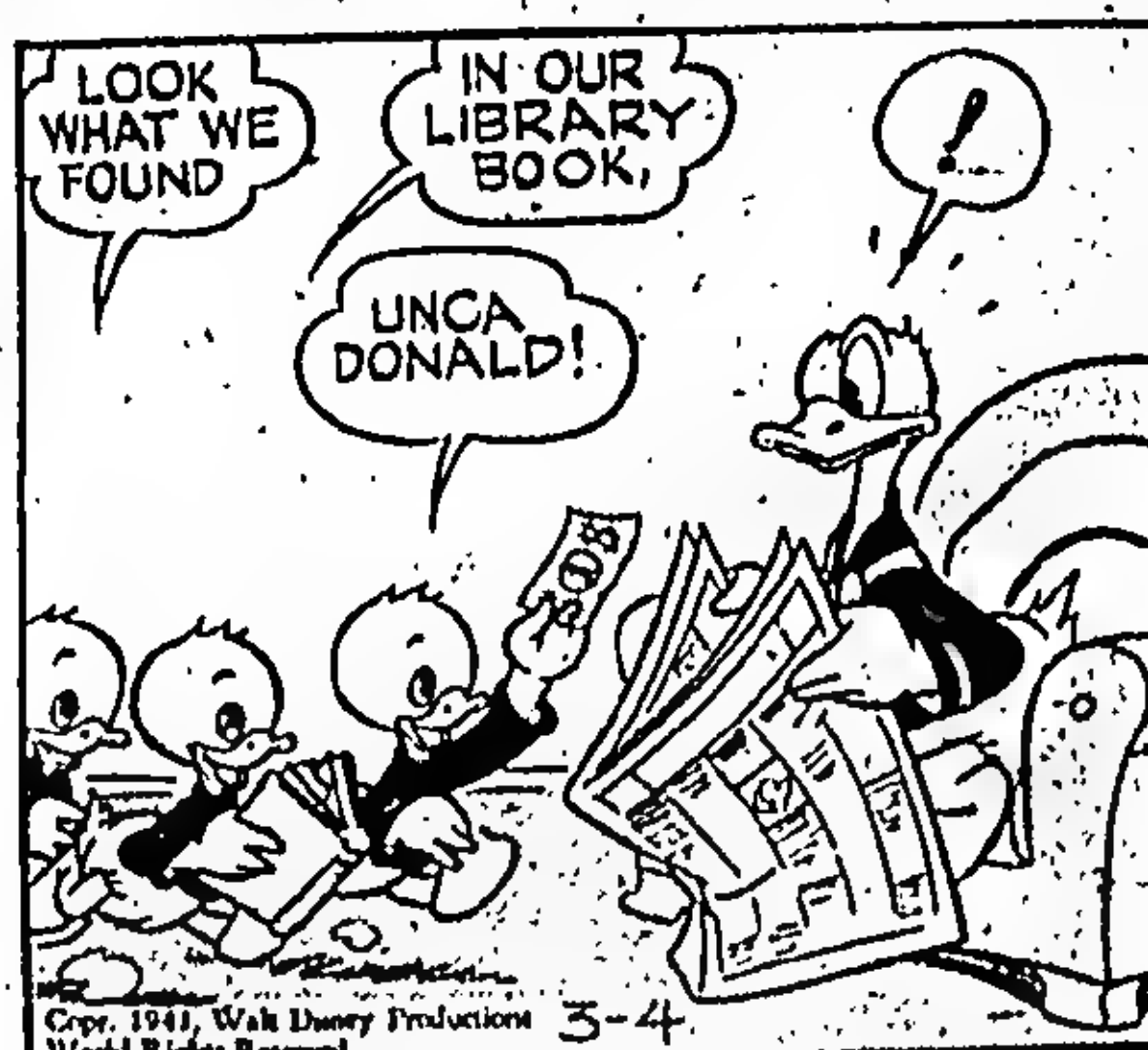
Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—The morning newspapers cautiously commented on the Russo-Japanese pact and expressed a conflict of opinions regarding its significance. However, it is generally believed that it is a disappointment to Berlin.

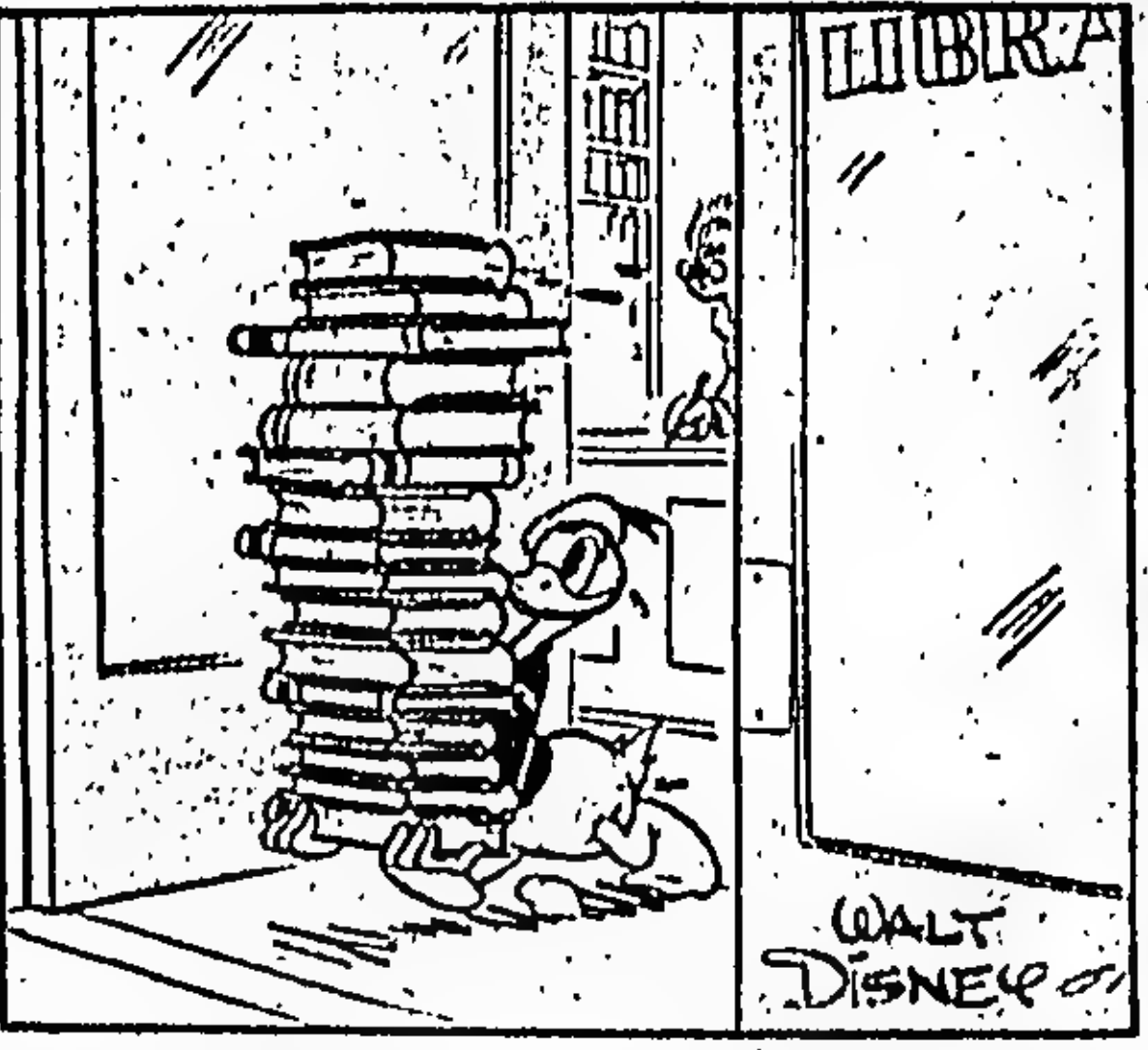
The diplomatic correspondent of the "Times" discussed the points not specified in the published text and concluded that the Soviets appear to have gained the better part of the bargain. "The complete text shows how far it falls short of the German hopes and pretensions of last autumn," he wrote.

"Before M. Molotov went to Berlin last November, the Germans were openly declaring that the Soviet Union was about to become a partner in their three-power pact, at any rate, in the Pacific."

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Do You Know What GEN Is?

R.A.F. phrases have already passed into the language—e.g., He for a Heinkel; You for a Junkers; Me for a Messerschmitt.

There are others, too. And strange stories in which they are used.

By Guy Ramsey

HALF-A-DOZEN lads, all in Air Force blue, sat about the table. They were all smoking. Only one of them was drinking—and he was indulging in one glass of sherry.

The group ranged in age from 28—a veteran, product of the Civil Air Guard, now just finishing his training—to 18. None of them had been commissioned. On only one breast—that of the veteran—gleamed the silver wings of achievement. None of them had been engaged in operations against the enemy.

One of them—rashly—told an anecdote in which the teller figured to advantage. Instantly the five others broke into a chant:

"There was I . . . Thirty thousand feet up . . . Hanging on my straps . . . What did I do?"

That chorus, rhythmic and decisive, has become ritual. It is hurled at anyone giving utterance to anything that may remotely be construed as swank or boasting.

Hearing them talk, quite apart from technicalities of aircraft, quite apart even from the rigmarole of initials which the Junior Services uses to fantastic lengths, one came upon totally strange words.

"Duff gen," for example, with the g in gen pronounced like a j. This phrase has a brother, pukka gen.

The Gens, Duff and Pukka, are rumours. The etymology of gen is uncertain; it is believed it is a contraction (the R.A.F. is mad on contractions) for genius.

Genius is gen. A man who has the very latest rumour is a gen for picking up news, so the news he picks up is gen. Duff gen is unreliable rumour; pukka gen—considerably rarer—is well-founded rumour.

"Where is this?" the answer was an unrecognisable, hamlet pronounced with a heavy Yorkshire accent. "Ah. Thanks. Can you point it out on this map?"

"Nay. Can't read. I'm non scholar."

"Hm. Well, am I near Bradford?"

"Nay. Leeds?"

"Sheffield?"

"Oh, nay."

"Oh, nay."

was, and ascend again. As it is a rule that a pilot, dropping at an airfield, must report, and that report goes back to his station, he would drop swiftly, bawl his question, shout his thanks, and try to get away before the officer to whom he should report could be summoned.

That worked quite well, but on one occasion he came down at an airfield, bawled out: "Where am I?" received the answer, "Quick-on-the-Uptake" (blame the Censorship for this place-name), yelled "thanks," and was away.

Ten minutes later he descended at what he thought was the next aerodrome on his route. Again he came down, screaming almost before his machine had taxied to a halt: "Where am I?"

He received the bitter answer "Still Quick-on-the-Uptake!"

ANOTHER ender had a fright one night. He had been—flying single-seater fighters, and for the first time took up a bomber at night. He was "pushing his crate" along quite happily when, to his horror, he saw the riding light of another aeroplane just over to his right.

He flung the machine to the left, convinced he was going to collide. A shiver ran up his back; the other man had turned the same way.

Again he changed course, zooming. Still he could not shake off this "unwanted"—and unexpected neighbour.

It was not until several hair-raising moments later that he realised it was his own riding light—so far out on the huge machine that he, accustomed to the tiny fighters, was convinced it was another plane.

Finally, there was the story of the young trainee up on his first night solo flight in an unarmed machine. He was petrified with nerves. As he was cruising about, a plane hurtled past him in the darkness, nearly brushing his wing-tip. It was only when it had passed he recognised it as an Me.110.

That is a story he does not tell often. Even though it was blind luck he was not shot down, he does not want to hear that chorus of hearty derision chanted at him.

POCKET CARTOON



Why People Swear

Speaking at Gloucester Assizes recently, Mr Justice Hawke said he thought people often used bad language because they had a paucity of vocabulary and wished to gain time to form their thoughts.

He was giving judgment in a libel action in which a man alleged that two other men had published a leaflet falsely accusing him of using bad language.

Mr Justice Hawke said the leaflet was justified and that the language said to have been used by the man making the claim for damages was highly objectionable.

Shipping Losses Only Three Percent

What Britain needs in 1941 is not large armies from overseas—it is weapons, ships and airplanes.

Sir Arthur Salter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping, made this statement in an interview with U.S. newspaper correspondents.

Despite the fact that since the Germans seized the French ports our shipping losses average 90,000 tons a week, we still have more than 87 per cent. of the total seagoing tonnage under the British flag in 1939, he said.

Toasted Cheese by WILLIAM HICKEY

EARLY one recent morning the Cheshire Cheese, off Fleet St, was burned out.

It was burned out in the first Great Fire of London (1666). In the second Great Fire, on December 29 last, it escaped with a slight top-storey singeing . . . Bad luck to have come safely through bombing and then succumb to an ordinary fire (or, in a way, good luck, since insurance payment is probably fuller & prompter than Government compensation).

It may be some months before the Cheshire Cheese is reopened. The damage is mostly on the ground floor. Most of the "relics," which Americans used to handle so reverently, are safe: the chair in which, no doubt, Dr Johnson was assured that Shakespeare had sat the visitors' books.

The parrot who had been sheltering these last few months in the cellar, was rescued. He is a whistling rather than a swearing bird, his favourite tune being the familiar snatch from "The Police"

man's Holiday" ("Tum-titum-titum-titum. . . TUM TUM"). Upstairs, salvage men found one of the two cats dead.

TO the summer tourists who used to crowd "the Cheese," journalists were among the local curiosities that made up its atmosphere. Journalists, feeling that it was their pub were slightly relieved when winter came and they had elbow-room to drink old ale (10d a half-pint, the strongest hereabouts) and eat a cut off an excellent joint (personally, I didn't care so much for Ye much-boasted Famous Pudding).

High-backed box pews about the tables, churchwarden pipes, sawdust-strewn floors, electric lighting that looked like gas—all were evidence of the careful archaism with which the "oldie" character of the place had been emphasised in recent years. So was the notice above the door-step (even the furrow worn in it protected by iron bars): "Customers are requested to mind the step, which is part of the antiquity of the House and shows use for centuries by regulars."

I wish frequenters its use for centuries more.

Crossword Puzzle

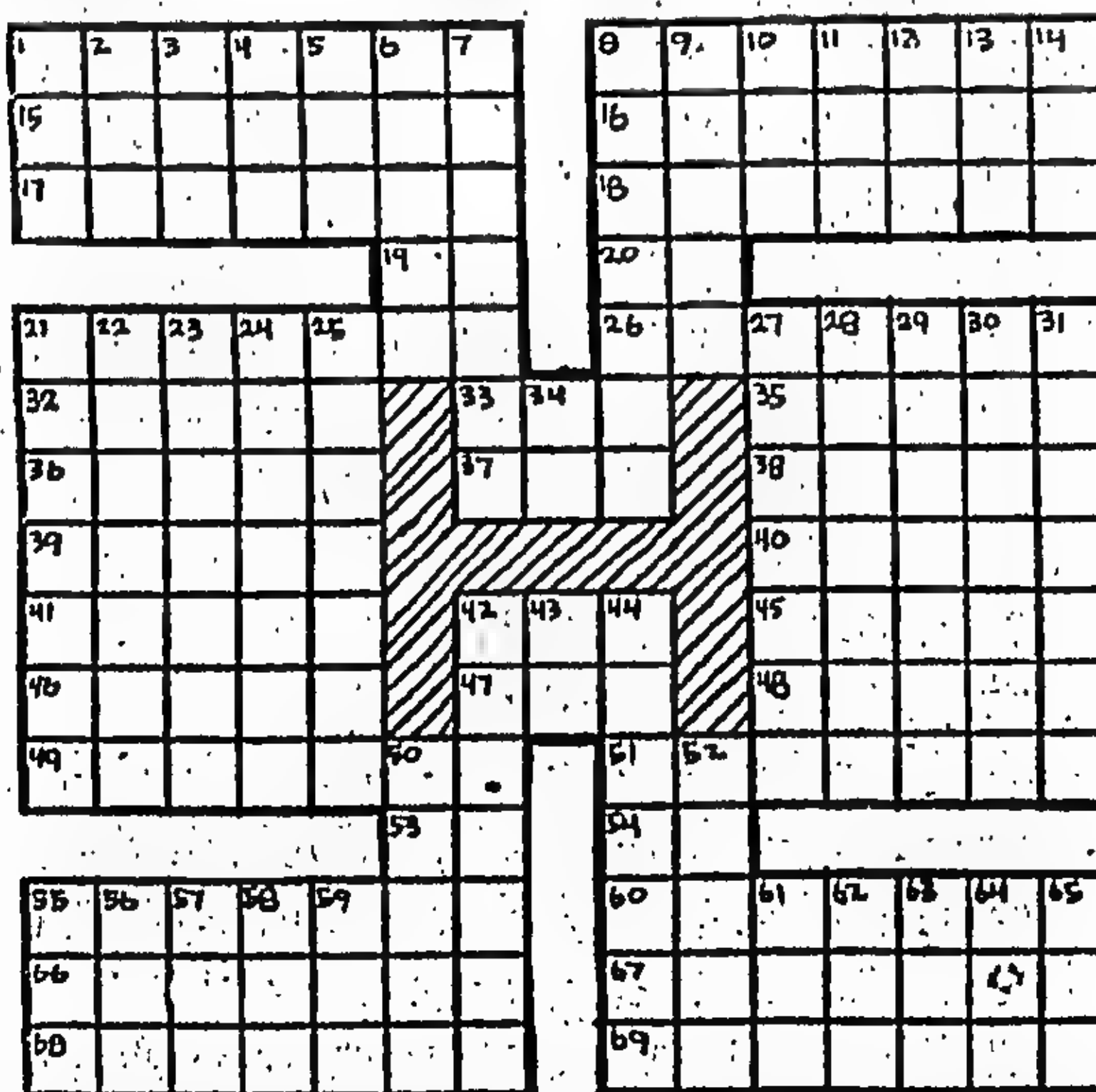
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ACROSS

- 1-Boviet Foreign
- 2-Commissar
- 3-Further away
- 4-Interim
- 5-Old Latin household god
- 6-Musical compositions
- 7-Rhodes Island
- 8-Knight in Chaucer tale
- 9-Consisting of tens
- 10-Heroine of "La Sonnambula"
- 11-Water (French)
- 12-Animated
- 13-Parting to Italian capital
- 14-Thal woman
- 15-Make lively
- 16-Odd
- 17-Change
- 18-Dink of length
- 19-Come together
- 20-Ireduces (heraldry)
- 21-Victor
- 22-Circle including
- 23-Sows seeds again
- 24-Transfers
- 25-"It's sharp"
- 26-Inside
- 27-Makes fun of
- 28-Paris
- 29-Involving from force
- 30-Girl's name

DOWN

- 1-Cleaning utensil
- 2-Unclasp
- 3-Lend
- 4-Mouths
- 5-Make lace
- 6-County in Colorado
- 7-European mountain winds
- 8-Ranks
- 9-This ratio
- 10-That which remains
- 11-Troubled
- 12-Male human beings
- 13-Burks denoting
- 14-Small bird
- 15-Cross letter
- 16-Residence (abbr.)
- 17-One who promenades
- 18-One of Cassiope's sons
- 19-Town in France
- 20-An Indo-Chinese
- 21-Publike mammal
- 22-Cuttle-fish
- 23-Food for body
- 24-Distressing essentially
- 25-One who excels
- 26-Isolation
- 27-Those who make loss
- 28-Excitation
- 29-Whiteland
- 30-Conjuncted
- 31-Makes decision
- 32-Servile vessel in old England
- 33-Combining form: mind
- 34-The German
- 35-Spanish for "Enima"
- 36-Large ruins
- 37-King of West Saxons
- 38-Daniel
- 39-Animal doctor (col.)
- 40-Differ in Turkish
- 41-Noise
- 42-Point of compass
- 43-Adult



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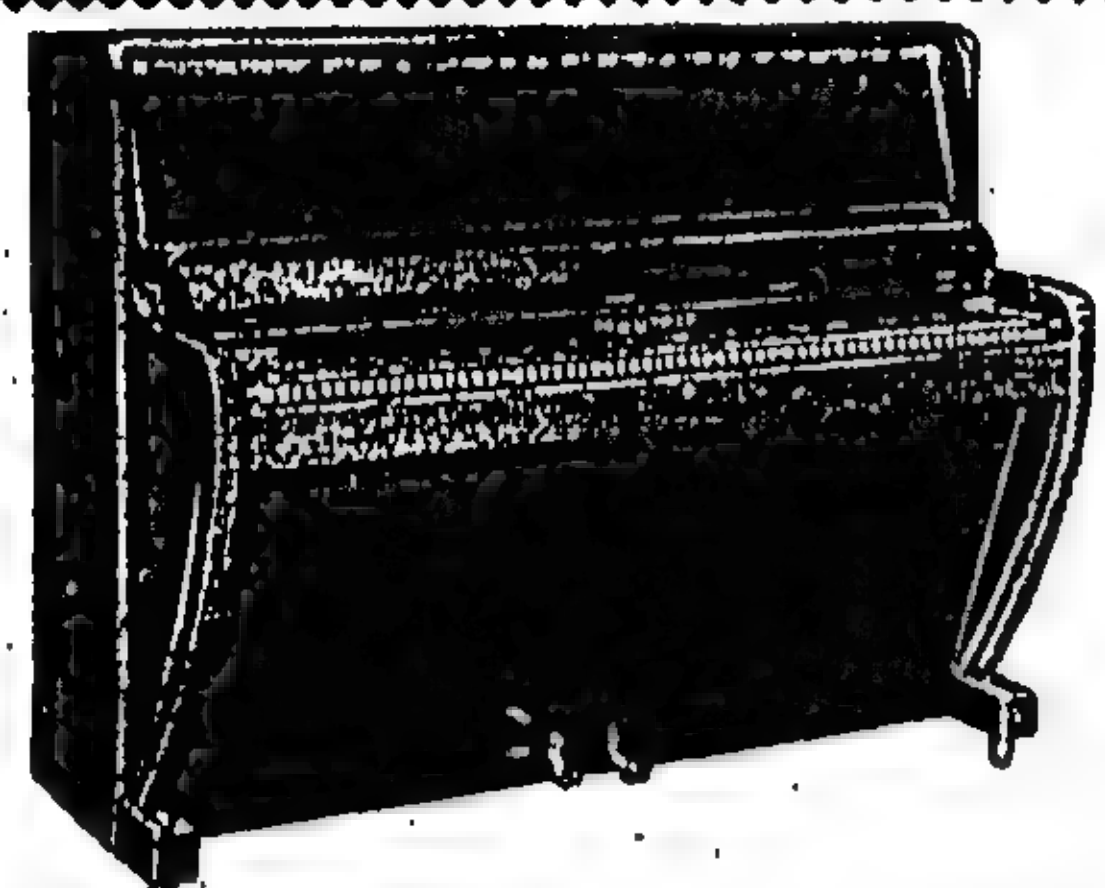


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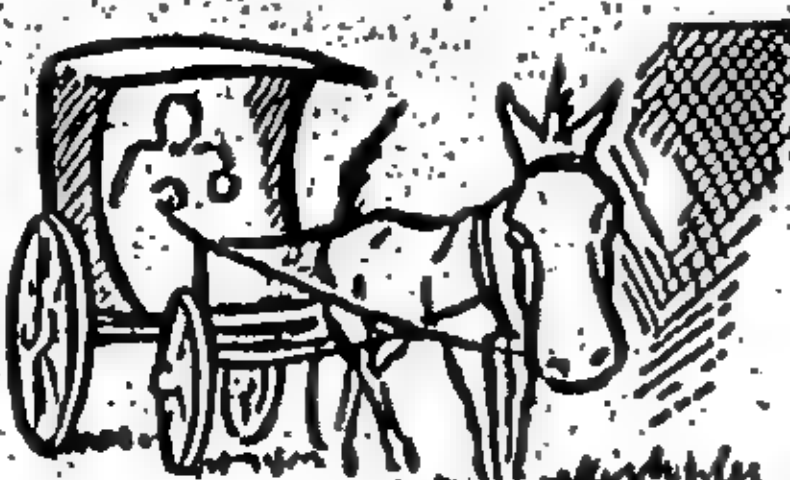
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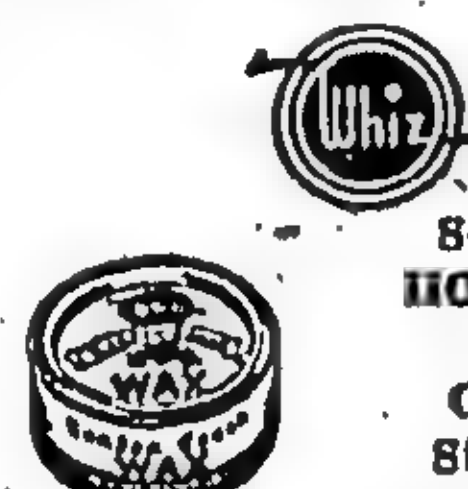
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SOVIET-JAPANESE TREATY

MR Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, returns from his pilgrimage to the Axis shrine in Europe and his homage-paying call on Joseph Stalin to show a paper promise as payment for his strenuous efforts. Japan and Russia have contracted to observe neutrality towards each other for five years no matter what war their countries may be engaged in; they will also respect each other's territory during that time.

A fairly accurate perspective of the treaty seems to point to being friends with the Kremlin at almost any price that a blank rejection of Mr Matsuoka's advances would have been official notice of a hostile attitude. In giving Mr Matsuoka his crumb, Stalin has lost nothing. Both parties to the agreement are fully aware that Axis diplomacy uses treaties only to suit its purpose; the Soviet-Japanese treaty is included in Axis machinations; it suits either party to intervene contrary to the treaty, "realism" will undoubtedly prevail over written words, and pretexts to-day range from minorities to fishing rights. This is no more cynical than is the background of the treaty.

Japan's invasion of China has been frustrated largely by Russian support of the Kuomintang. This support, which in four years has brought Japan to the lowest standard of living in her history, and must have cost her over a million lives, is to be continued as vigorously as Moscow likes it. Thus Russia opposes the New Order in Asia, openly and effectively. To crown all, Japan's professed chief aim in Asia is to purge it of Communism and she was an original signatory to the anti-Comintern pact designed almost exclusively against Soviet Russia. The proud Japanese have been compelled to accept a humiliating position and to sue for terms at the behest of Hitler, who shocked Japanese foundations by his sudden treaty of non-aggression with Russia just before the outbreak of war.

It only requires a little calm thinking to assess the new treaty as one of opportunism on Russia's part and immorality on Tokyo's part. Prince Konoye probably was aware of the immorality of the treaty when he stated to the press that Japan did not intend to use force in her southward expansion. For what they are worth the words seem intended to forestall any anxiety that might have been caused by the democracies on publication of the treaty.

Mr Matsuoka may still have a few things in his little bag to show to his government. However, as far as this part of the world is concerned, the "war of nerves" has been a singular flop. Democratic defence conferences have not, none unnoted in Tokyo and a continuation of the full in the Far East is more likely than is any new adventure in the Imperial Way.

CZECHS' SILENT WAR

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA is the very heart of the Allied war against Hitler. It was the first victim of the policy of appeasement. It was the first prey thrown to the tiger.

It may prove to be the least digestible of his successive feasts.

Our enemies in the last war were defeated by the Czechs. The collapse of the Central Empires was due in part to the revolution wrought within that vast and formidable-looking facade of power and tyranny—even vaster and more formidable-looking than the conquered Empire now ruled by Hitler—by a few resolute men.

The story of the Czech revolt is one of the forgotten epics of 1914-1918. Two men led it—the tall, scholarly, mild and modest Thomas Garrigue Masaryk; the short, indefatigable and indomitable Edward Benes.

Benes Knew

"I have been Benes for twenty years. I have seen him move statesmen at Geneva to admiration by his astonishing perspicacity."

He saw this war coming. He knew the danger of Hitlerism and calmly he prepared to face it.

When the Munich agreement was signed he knew what it meant. He bade his fellow-countrymen farewell in a moving and dignified broadcast and took again the long and hard road into exile which he and the dead Masaryk had taken a generation earlier. But he knew that one day he would return.

I have heard Benes describe the planning of the Czech revolution of the last war. I have heard him describe the planning of the present Czech resistance.

His Partner

His partner in this noble conspiracy is now the son of his earlier comrade, leader and fellow-revolutionary, Jan Masaryk, the Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Czecho-Slovak Government.

Jan Masaryk has the simplicity of his father, the self-taught peasant lad who became a professor at the University of Prague and first President of the Czechoslovak Republic.

He has also the energy, humour and robust commonsense of his American mother.

Once a week he talks to his fellow-countrymen in the occupied territory. His rich, explosive, jesting voice brings them hope and consolation, shrewd anecdotes at the expense of Goebbels, hard facts about Hitler's failure to defeat us at sea or in the air, figures about American arms production, German air losses, and the victories of the British and the Greeks in the Mediterranean.

All Czechoslovakia listens in, nods its head in approval, winks expressively in secret understanding with its neighbours.

And it takes good care that the news is whispered into every ear, is slipped under doors in the dead of night, is written up on walls, is spoken into the receivers of telephones, and is hinted at in the written or spoken jests of cartoonists, clowns and comedians—the only men who may joke with more or less immunity in the empire of Hitler, for the Nazi is notoriously a humourless person and little apt to understand a sly allusion.

The Czechs, then, have be-

How Will Hitler
Fall?—3

by George Slocombe
the famous Foreign Correspondent

come a listening race.

They listen in silence. But their silence is pregnant with meaning. They listen, and abide their time.

They know the history of their race. They know the history of the Germans. Hope has lightened even darker hours than these. They have learned to possess their souls in patience.

But they are inactive. If open revolt is, as yet, too dangerous—if the terrible massacre of the Czech students in Prague in November, 1939, still serves them as a warning—they are not content with a mere passive resistance.

Mounting Tale

The mounting tale of arrests, executions, deportations to the labour camps in Germany, at tests the stubbornness of the Czech opposition to the invader.

A number of cases of sabotage have occurred in the Czech factories—notably the Skoda works at Pilsen—and on the railways.

Until a few weeks ago the German authorities still believed— notwithstanding the massacre of the students and the other atrocities committed by S.S. and S.A. men—in the possibility of conciliating the Czechs, and in bringing them to accept their position as vassals in Hitler's New European Order.

But now that hope has proved illusory.

Baron von Neurath, the "Protector" of the province of Bohemia and Moravia, and a man who, during his years in London, concealed his brutal instincts and native arrogance under a mask of aristocratic charm and courtesy, recently gave way to a furious outburst of anger and hatred against the Czechs.

Cracks

Since then the mask has been dropped. The Czechs are to be treated as pariahs. All social intercourse between them and the Germans is forbidden.

I asked Jan Masaryk where and how, in his opinion, the collapse of Hitlerism would occur.

"The cracks in the structure of Italian Fascism," he replied, "have already begun to appear. The weakness of Italy has been demonstrated in Africa and Albania."

"I know that German Nazism is of a tougher fibre than Fascism. Behind the cloak and sword Caesarism of Mussolini there is always the cheap little gangster thumbing his nose and making rude noises."

"Not that Hitler is any less cheap. Both Hitler and Mussolini have been doing a couple of years, and we didn't see through it."

"The German is a tougher nut to crack than the Italian. The Northern mysticism of the German makes the Nazi more fanatical, more intense, more ruthless and efficient."

"But the German machine will break down like the Italian. Somewhere or other there is a chink in the armour, a weak link in the chain."

"Our job is to search until we find it and then to attack that weak link with all our strength."

Surrounded

"Germany presents a tremendous facade to the world. Somewhere along that vast frontier from the North Cape in Norway upon the Pyrenees, from the Baltic change-

to the Adriatic, there must be an unguarded passage, an un-locked door.

"Germany is now living in a world surrounded by hate. She has cheated, lied, bullied, tortured, plundered and oppressed. All her neighbours hate her with an increasing hatred."

"How could it be otherwise? The Czech, the Pole, the Belgian, the Norwegian, the Dutchman, the Frenchman cannot forgive and forget such injuries to his national independence, his private liberty, his property, land and cattle, down to the humblest of his possessions."

"It is to these scores of millions of people that we have to appeal."

"We know that our broadcasts night and day are reaching the mark because of the infuriating effect they have on the Germans, and the increasing amount of time and passion they devote to replying to them."

"Their technique is the usual Goebbels technique—insults, inventions, lies, absurdities. The latest story spread about me by the German radio is that I am a Jew and that I am not in London, but in Montevideo."

"But the Czechs know very well that I am here, and that Benes is here. They know that Britain will win the war, that Czech soldiers and airmen are fighting with her, that we are contributing as much as we can to Britain's war effort (among other things, we are manufacturing Bren guns over here), and that our young airmen have already died for Britain."

The Future

We talked of the future shape of Europe. Masaryk knows something of industrial conditions in England and in other countries, and he believes that without adopting any such foolish and futile slogans as "making Europe fit for heroes," it must be made a reasonable and safe and comfortable place for the people who work in the mills and factories, on the land and in the mines.

"These are the people," he insisted, "who are winning the war for Britain and her Allies. These are the people who are talking of frontiers, to discuss the political conditions of the countries now under Hitler's heel."

"The social structure of the world, the economic and political equilibrium of Europe, have received such terrible shocks that it is impossible to predict what the future of Europe will be at the end of this war."

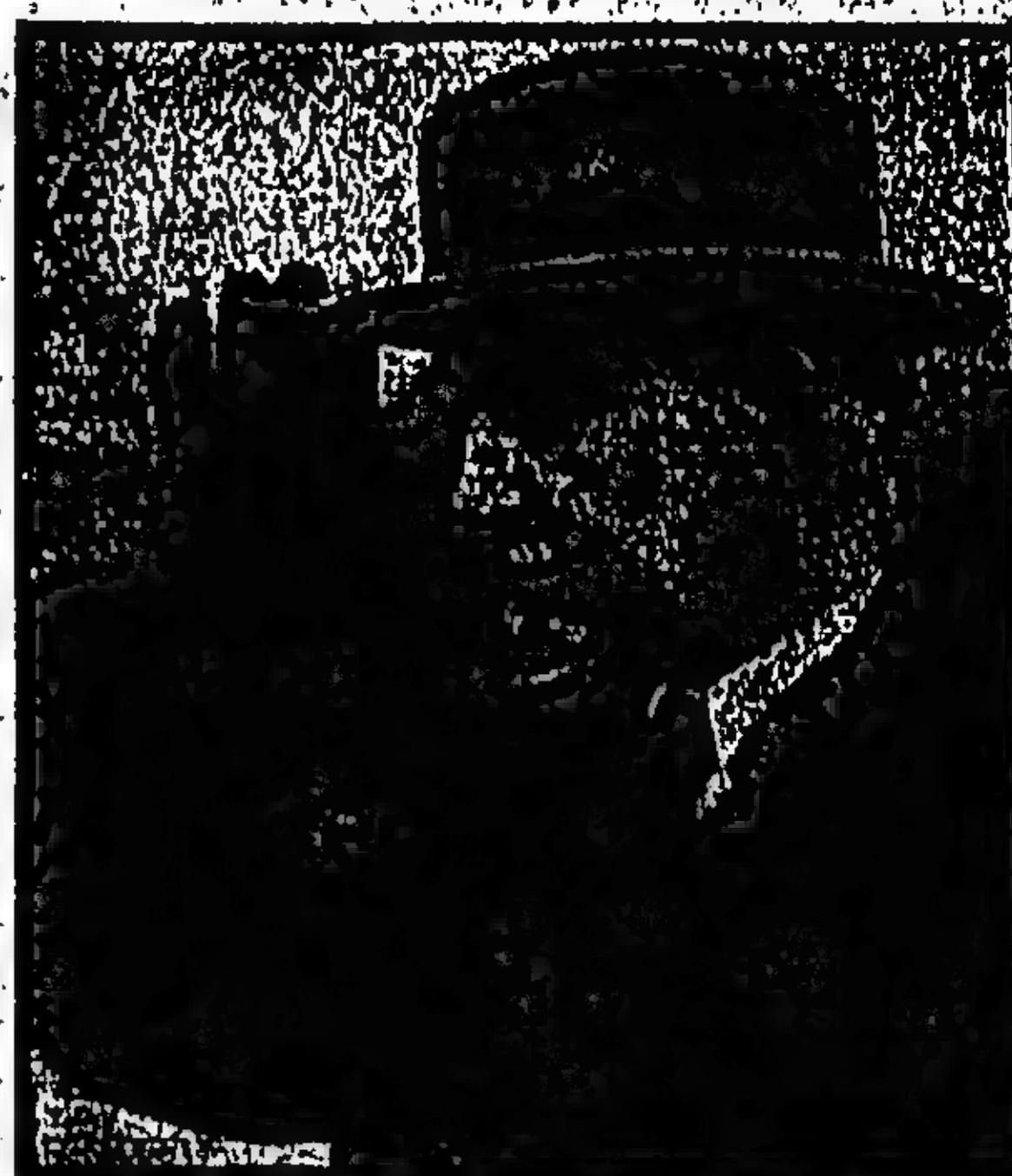
"For myself, I do not exclude the possibility of revolution, perhaps of half a dozen revolutions in Europe. They might take different forms—in France it might be a Jacobin rising, in other countries a social revolution."

"All I know is that when Hitler is defeated the people who have lived in the shadow of his tyranny must have the right to decide what kind of State they want, what kind of a social and economic structure."

Reconstruction

There must, Masaryk believes, be some kind of economic reconstruction, some kind of economic regrouping.

The agreement recently signed between the Poles and the Czechs, contains the germ of a new federation, or series of federations, of European States based on reciprocity, mutual exchange of raw materials and



DR BENES... "He saw this war coming. He knew the danger of Hitlerism."

markets, and joint collaboration for security and defence.

This agreement is not exclusive. It is open to other States. Hungary and Austria would be welcomed as partners in such a group.

And a federation or union of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Austria, and possibly also of Yugoslavia, would have the advantage of creating a great incompatible races of Europe, the Teuton and the Slav.

Royalty?

I then raised the delicate question of the Habsburgs. The much-mooted return of that dynasty to the throne of Hungary or Austria, or of both, was always the King Charles Head of the Danubian States after the last war.

It formed the only solid link between Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia. And in pre-Anschluss days a Habsburg restoration was considered as the certain portent of war.

But Jan Masaryk refused to be scared by this bogey. "Anybody who is against Hitler is my friend," he said. "And until this war is won I will not engage in any controversy with anyone who agrees with me in fighting Hitler."

Allies

"The Habsburgs are the enemies of Hitler. When we have won the war, it is for the people of Austria and Hungary to decide the kind of State they want, whether they want a monarchy or a republic."

"As far as my own people are concerned, we have already made our choice. We have no wish to see the Habsburgs ruling again over Czechoslovakia."

"We were satisfied with our republic, and I know that we shall be satisfied again with it when it is restored."

"We have won our right to independence. Our culture is one of the most ancient in Europe. Our University in Prague, founded in 1348, is the oldest in Central Europe. Before the last war we had reduced illiteracy to less than a half of one per cent, the lowest rate in the world."

For twenty years we lived as a free republic, and in many of our institutions were a model to other countries. It is true that we made mistakes—who has not? But democracy can correct its errors, and we can only live in a democratic republic."

"For us the Habsburgs were, and are, Germans. And the Germans are the hereditary enemies of our nation."

"We have known hard times, before, and we shall know them again. But we are a free people, and shall again be free."

"One thing we do not recognise—the Munich Agreement, and the mutilation of our country by force."

First Of All

"We regard ourselves as in the position of a man whose house has been broken into, looted, and seized during his absence on holiday."

"The house may or may not have been too big for him, but the first thing he wants to do is to expel the intruder and regain possession of it."

"Afterwards, he may decide whether he would do without one of the rooms, or be satisfied with a smaller garden."

Thus Jan Masaryk, the son of the founder of the Czechoslovak republic.

TO-MORROW

A New Atlantic Alliance

EASTER IN ENGLAND

Bank Holiday Is Enjoyed

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Although there was no let-up in war production anywhere and armaments factories belched forth smoke as usual, those workers and servicemen off duty celebrated Easter Bank holiday in something approaching peace-time style to-day.

London's West End was crowded from an early hour with holiday-makers, many from provincial centres, and theatres and cinemas did tremendous business. By 11 a.m. it was impossible to secure a seat in the principal cinemas except a handful at top prices, and queues formed outside awaiting the later performances.

Allied Soldiers

A feature of the day was the large number of Allied soldiers and airmen in the uniforms of Poland, Free France, Czechoslovakia, etc., on leave from their posts in the defence areas and seeing the sights of London with British girl friends, many of whom were also in uniform. At Nottingham, the Easter race meeting attracted a record crowd and hundreds had to be turned away, missing the victory, in the Southern Plate, of Selim Hassan, a colt now fancied as the Derby winner, and trained by the Duchess of Norfolk, the young wife of Britain's senior Duke.

Incident In Balkan War

R.A.F. Pilot's Escape

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Chased by the Germans after making a forced landing in No Man's Land between the Nazi and Allied lines in Greece, an R.A.F. Hurricane pilot sprinted three miles over rough ground before being rescued by an Australian patrol.

After an exchange of shots, the Germans withdrew.

His escape, the first recorded from the new Balkan war front, was told by the Air Ministry news service to-day. Returning to his squadron, the pilot said that he was just about dead beat at the time he was picked up.

To an Intelligence Officer, he is reported to have said: "We had been ground strafing the German motorised columns and had done the deed of a lot of damage. Fire from the ground was pretty intense and a lucky shot stopped my engine."

New Iraqi Cabinet

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Saidi Rashid Ali al Ghalib, the chief minister in the Iraqi cabinet, succeeded in forming a Cabinet under his Presidency on Saturday.

The Cabinet, announced by the Royal Iraqi Legation, shows that Saidi Rashid is Prime Minister and includes Saidi Musa al Shabandar as Foreign Minister; Saidi Najj al Suwaidi as Finance Minister; Saidi Najj Shawkat as Defence Minister and Saidi Ali Mahmud al Shalhi Ali as Minister of Justice.

Home Rugger Results

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The following were the results of Easter Monday Rugby:

Bath 15, Army XV 11; Cardiff 8, Pontypool 8; North Command 44, Eastern Command 19; W. & M. 22, Harlequins 19.

League: Leinster 2, Ulster 23; Halifax 10, Featherstone 7; York 17, Castleford 6. Championship Final: Bradford Northern 18, Wigan 9.

Two Nazi Bombers Shot Down At Sea

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Two German bombers have been shot down by British and French naval units.

Early this morning, a Heinkel fell to the British trawler, King's Tanager, while a Junkers nose-dived into the sea after attacking and meeting a sharp rejoinder from a Free French submarine-chaser on Saturday.

Neither vessel sustained casualties or damage.

Restrictions On Chinese Refused By French

KUNMING, Apr. 14 (International).—A Hanol report stated that the Japanese have pressed the authorities in Indo-China to restrict the departure of Chinese residents from the French colony.

This demand is said to have been rejected by the French.

Baseball In Japan

Tokyo, Apr. 14.—In the last game of Sunday's double header, Koto University nine swamped Tokyo Imperial University, 10 to 0, while the Meiji and Rissho teams were raised out in a scoreless tie in the sixth inning, in the second game of the All-Japan University Baseball League.

Caste Cleavage In India Muslim Policy

MADRAS, Apr. 14 (Reuter).

—Muslims would never agree to any constitution for the whole of India providing for one government at the centre, declared Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, speaking at the League's annual meeting.

He advocated the "establishment of completely independent states" in the north-west and eastern zones of India with full control over defence, finance and foreign affairs.

He declared that Muslims were an independent nationality and that any attempt to get them to merge into a national and political identity with the rest of the population would be resisted.

One government at the centre would mean Hindu communal rule. The Muslim League's policy, he added, was to promote good will and harmony on the basis of equality, fair play and reciprocity.

Seizure Of Axis Ships

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).

—Italy delivered a new note to-day to the United States Government protesting against the seizure of Italian ships.

Details of the note are not published but an Italian official said that it further explained the Italian viewpoint regarding the seizure of the ships.

Pearl River Movements

SHUKWAN, Apr. 14 (International).—Japanese naval activity on the Pearl River, which is closed to shipping of third Powers, is likely to conclude to-day. At present Japanese transports are steaming up and down the river in the periodical reshuffle of troops.

It is reported that several thousand troops reached Canton over the weekend to cope with a Chinese counter-offensive announced by General Yu Han-mou last Monday in a weekly memorial speech here.

Manila Meeting Of Officials

BATAVIA, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Mr. H. Rittman, head of the Government Information Bureau, who took part in the recent meeting at Manila of the Netherlands East Indies Foreign and Colonial Secretaries with Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, British Commander-in-Chief, Far East, emphasised in an interview that the meeting was of a "purely incidental" character and not a formal "conference of Powers" as the press had inferred.

MALTESE ENDURE Many Bombs Dropped

MALTA, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—A large number of German aircraft dropped many bombs when flying over Malta in waves during Sunday night.

In one area a few civilian houses were demolished but there were no casualties. In other areas, there was slight damage.

An enemy offensive reconnaissance was made to-day, but no bombs were dropped.

New Vichy Envoy For Free China

CHUNGKING, Apr. 14 (International).—The National Government has informed the Vichy Government that the appointment of Count Robien as French ambassador to China is approved. The count is to succeed M. Henri Comon.

The new ambassador served in a similar capacity in Argentina and is now attached to the Foreign Office in Vichy. Another French diplomat of a similar name was attached to the Tokyo Indo-Japanese parley.

Tired People Turn To Countryside In Spring

TOKYO, Apr. 14 (Domest).—Taking advantage of the bright and warm morning on Sunday, an estimated 4,000,000 people left the capital to visit the countryside.

Bent on viewing the cherry blossoms, which are now in full bloom, some 450,000 jammed the Odawara electric railway facilities seeking to reach the banks of the Tama river and points beyond.

Ueno station was also thronged by close on 400,000 while another 400,000, including many horse-racing fans bound for the Nakayama meet, strained the facilities of the Keisei electric train system. Most of the holiday makers, however, beat a hasty retreat for home when heavy rain swamped the Tokyo area at 3 p.m.

Pole Vault Record

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 14.—Cornelius Warman, instructor at the Pomona High School, to-day established a new world pole vault record by clearing the bar at 4.64 metres.



AS IT IS IN MILAN—British Royal Air Force bombers recently cracked down on Milan, ancient city of Italy and important shipping and manufacturing centre. Firemen search the ruins for possible victims.

Private Killed Corporal: Six Years Sentence

A PIONEER CORPS private, Arthur Burrows, aged 36, was at Sussex Assizes recently sentenced to six years' penal servitude for the manslaughter of Provost Corporal George Thomas Brown, an ex-pugilist.

Brown was shot with a service rifle. The charge had been reduced from one of murder.

Burrows said he had often been attacked by Brown, and he loaded the rifle to frighten him.

Burrows said that one day Brown began sparring with him.

"When I saw he knew something more than I did about the thing I packed up," he added.

Later Burrows saw Sergeant Kent and asked Kent if he could get him out of trouble. He had lost two rounds of ammunition.

"Best I Can Do"

Kent later gave him two rounds of ammunition and said, "If this will get you out of trouble, it's the best I can do for you."

Brown sent him to collect four rifles and on the way back he put one round into one of the rifles.

Brown saw him when he returned and remarked "Where have you been?" went to get up.

"I thought he was coming for me," said Burrows. "I picked up the rifle with the intention more or less to ward him off."

Lady Without The Lamp

Nurse Susan McGinley, of Clare Hall Hospital, South Mimms, Middlesex, fined 10s. at Barnet (Herts) recently for riding a bicycle without lights, wrote:—

"As a nurse it was my duty to get to work at all costs to attend to Hitler's wounded and mutilated victims."

"With Herbert Morrison's words 'Go to it' surging through my ears I, unlike Florence Nightingale—the lady with the lamp—went to it without a lamp, thus falling foul of the law in the honoured purpose of alleviating pain and helping my country to defeat Hitler's death-dealing blows."

The magistrate's clerk: "She might have dealt a death-dealing blow with her bicycle."

SUICIDE TO END TORTURE SAID JUSTIFIABLE

A Southampton coroner recently expressed approval of a man's suicide.

"It was the soundest thing he could have done," he said.

The inquest was on Edward Leach, 37, ship steward, who was said to have suffered intolerable pain and mental agony. He was found gassed.

"The evidence left no doubt that the man, because of his agony, wanted to die," said Mr. Emanuel, the coroner.

"He did for himself what he could not get anybody else to do for him."

"I daresay that religious people will look askance at me, but the question is, if a man is in severe torture is it right for him to kill himself?"

"I do not think that there should be any doubt about it."

Mr. Emanuel has been coroner at Southampton for 25 years.

Yesterday's Cash Sweep Numbers

RACE 1	
No. 840	\$1,235.83
" 2001	353.10
" 1430	170.55
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 409, 1703, 1041, 034, 2018, 775, 303, 2023.	
RACE 2	
No. 2278	\$1,400.50
" 210	422.00
" 1430	201.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3303, 822, 1041, 1000, 787, 0147, 1758, 1575.	
RACE 3	
No. 2445 and 2787	\$241.10 each
" 2889	309.10
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1029, 847, 2401, 3178, 2330, 2445, 670, 2001, 2241, 2032.	
RACE 4	
No. 19	\$1,004.00
" 2078	458.20
" 2007	210.10
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1407, 3302, 2208, 908, 870, 2556.	
RACE 5	
No. 4153	\$2,017.40
" 4307	670.40
" 4150	210.10
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 088, 2001.	
RACE 6	
No. 3777	\$2,046.80
" 2223	504.80
" 680	202.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3420, 1098, 4200, 2003.	
RACE 7	
No. 3087	\$1,036.20
" 4307	553.20
" 4302	210.10
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 432, 775, 447, 2454, 600, 060, 2000, 1033, 774, 3323.	
RACE 8	
No. 1089	\$2,041.20
" 3770	553.20
" 424	210.10
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3315, 3304, 3450, 2000, 4118, 3002, 3234.	
RACE 9	
No. 2570	\$2,070.00
" 4307	591.50
" 3107	202.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 270, 1000, 1181, 2454, 430, 2002, 415, 07.	
RACE 10	
No. 4089	\$2,125.90
" 1004	607.40
" 1004	202.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1716, 4200, 640, 2410, 030, 501.	
RACE 11	
No. 1978	\$2,095.45
" 2077	509.70
" 2077	202.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4332, 1229, 1034, 2050, 1040, 3223, 4028, 3412, 4073.	
RACE 12	
No. 3423	\$4,510.90
" 4070	1,317.40
" 0870	210.10
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 3363, 1700, 3170.	

DINNER TO CELEBRATE SOCCER SUCCESS

In celebration of their fourth consecutive championship in the senior football league and their winning of the Senior Challenge Shield and the Kewell Charity Cup, the South China Athletic Association held a dinner at the Ying King Restaurant last night.

There was a large gathering present, including Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, President of the Hongkong Football Association, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, T.M., Hon. Mr. Li Tso-fung, Mr. Wong K. K., Chairman of the Football Council as well as representatives from other clubs.

The occasion was also taken to make a presentation to Mr. Leung Cheuk-wan, football manager.

Home Racing

Odds-On Favourite Places Third

NOTTINGHAM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The first real test for turf classic candidates to-day furnished a surprise when Keystone, formerly known as a Rosetta filly, ridden by Gordon Richards, started an odds-on favourite and finished third in a field of six in the Southern Three-Year-Old Plate over a mile.

The winner was Mr. Goodbody's Selim Hassan, trained by the Duchess of Norfolk, which beat Mr. Bassel's Mr. Sawyer by three lengths with Keystone a further one and half lengths behind.

The betting was—Selim Hassan 7/2; Mr. Sawyer 7/1; Keystone 4/0. Selim Hassan's brilliant performance will probably result in him being made favourite for the Derby.

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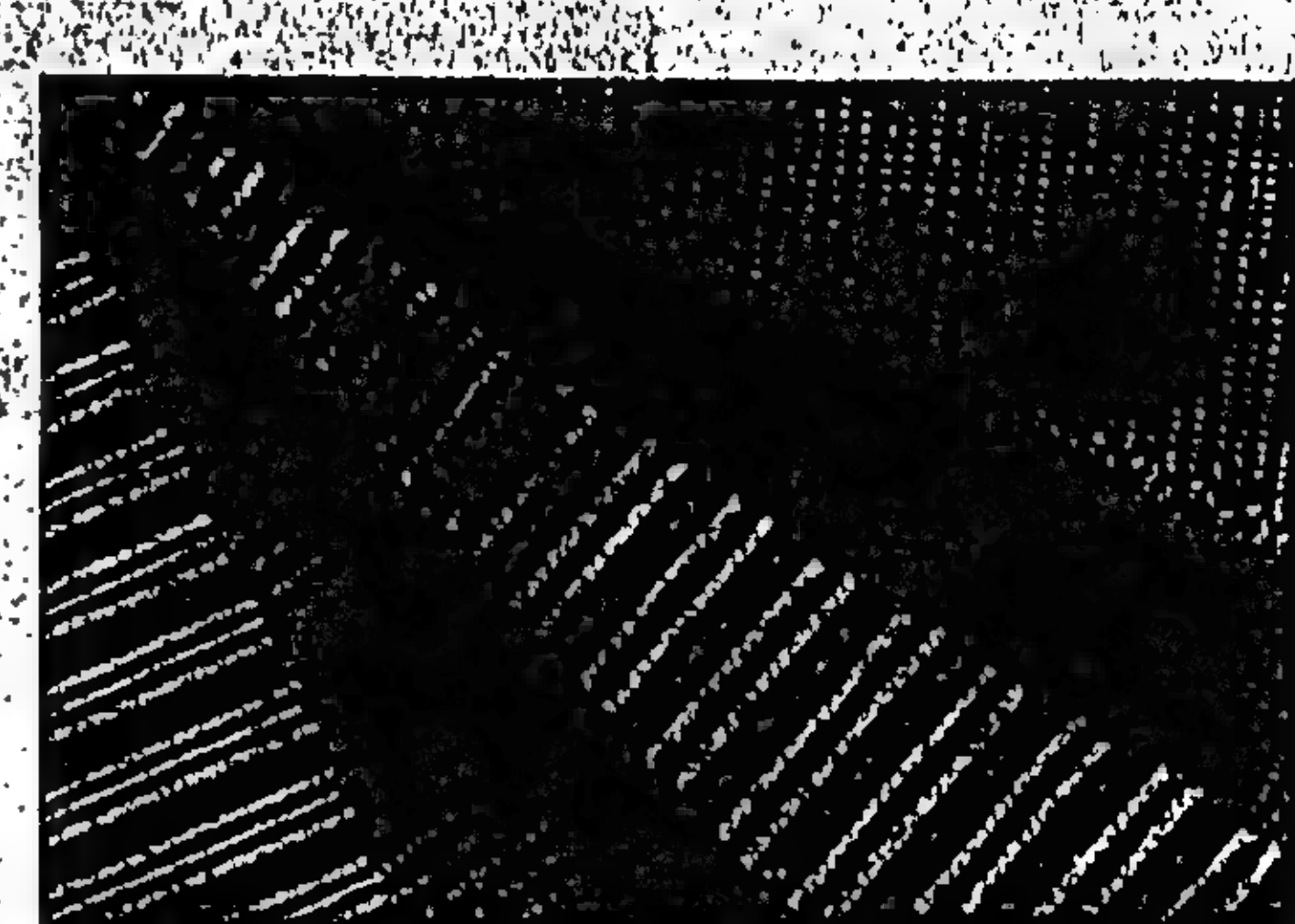
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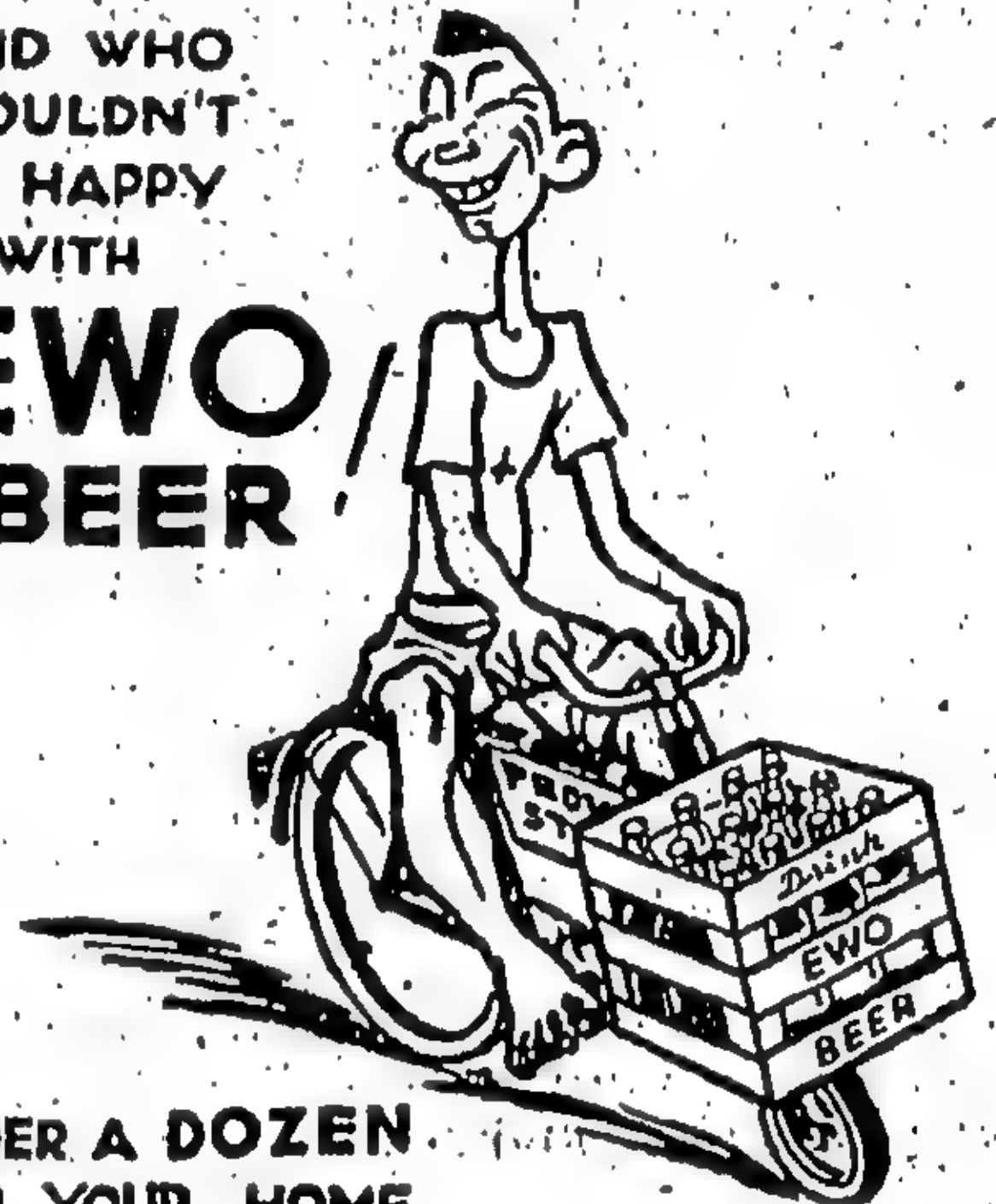
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Congratulations To Kowloon C.C.

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Civil Service C.C. Averages

Hearty congratulations to the K.C.C. second eleven in winning the Second Division Shield! As their first eleven have already achieved a similar success in the First Division the Club can congratulate itself on having brought off the double. This is of course no record.

It has been done several times before and I think quite a lot depends on the amount of dynamic interest in cricket which exists in any particular Club during a Season.

Of course you have to have the players as well! But a great deal does depend upon a keen spirit in all. K.C.C. has always been fortunate in that way and there is perhaps a reason for it. If I mistake not, to all its members it represents the centre of their social life. Not only are the cricketers, bowlers and tennis players catered for during the daylight but there always seems to be some entertainment coming off in the evening. Dances and Amateur productions of plays seem frequent! And so the Club is held together. This of course applies to Craignower and they have had their great days in the cricket line.

A Close Thing

The account of the final match has been written by another hand, but I have made a few enquiries and venture a few general comments. I must say with all K.C.C.'s big guns I expected them to win easily and I fancy there was a certain amount of nervousness all round in the batting! I am told however that the two Omars bowled splendidly. Craignower second have had an excellent season and it is encouraging for the Club for the first time have had a sorry time though there is plenty of cricket in it.

An Amazing Game

It must be very seldom, I imagine, for a side, which bats first and does not have a single double figure in their score—not even extras!—to win the game. Yet this happened at the Valley on Saturday last when the Civil Service beat the Police by two runs.

Their win was the more meritorious in that they lacked the services of Ainslie, so often their stand-by, while the Police appeared to have all their stalwarts playing for them. It was a pretty foul day with a gusty wind and a leaden sky though the temperature had risen considerably. H. E. Strange went in

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 26th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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Joe Louis To Defend Against Buddy Baer

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14. (UP)—It is announced that a title bout between Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, and Buddy Baer has been tentatively scheduled for May 23.

To-day's Tennis

Only one match in the Colony Tennis Championships will be played to-day. This will be on the Stand Court.

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung.

First and made eight. It was the top score for Civil Service who were all out for 43, with Carey taking 4 for 19 and Pope 5 for 19 runs.

It looked easy money but Bond and MacGowan rose to the occasion and dismissed their opponents for 41 runs. Bond had 6 for 29 and MacGowan 4 for eleven.

A Curious Position

I am not prepared to say that either team are as good as the University who tied last with the Police. The Police have lost five matches, the Civil Service three, and may well lose another if as I hear they intend, they complete their programme. The University have completed theirs with three losses and three draws. The explanation is that the 3 points for a win does all. There is probably more correct batting in the Varsity side than in several second division teams but they have yet to learn the attacking shots. No doubt those who run the cricket at the University realize this.

Civil Service Averages

I have just seen the figures for the Civil Service first eleven and find them a little difficult to reconcile with the rather poor season. In all games, they have won 3 out of 15, lost 3 and drawn 7 in all. Yet the batting figures are not so bad. Dicky Richardson is first as usual with 33. Attwell second with 22, and then come Perry 21, Baker 16, and Griffiths 14. Fortescue, Colledge and McLellan were all out of form for most of the season. Griffiths made a welcome re-appearance as a fairly regular member of the side and seemed to be working back to his true form. It is a curious fact that Richardson, Perry and Griffiths were far more successful when playing for the H.K.C.C. than for the Civil Service.

What Was Wrong

The trouble was that though there was a lot of good bowling it did not get wickets regularly enough. The Civil Service only averaged 16 per wicket while their opponents averaged 24!

Baker (23 wickets for 10 apiece) was well ahead and was always dangerous. Unfortunately owing to an injury he was not always available. Perry did a tremendous lot and took 29 wickets for 17 apiece but he had the worst of luck, and I think suffered a little from overbowling. I imagine there are few players in the Colony who have played in more matches than Arthur Perry this season. Whitley (13 for 18 apiece) did not come on as had been hoped and McLellan did not play the full season taking 14 for 18 apiece. But there are lots of cricketers in the side and given fine weather next season things should improve.



J. W. Leonard (Craignower) batting to W. C. Hung (K.C.C.) in the deciding Junior League cricket match at the K.C.C. on Saturday. H. Brokenshire is keeping wicket. —Ming Yuen.

S. CHINA UNABLE TO HOLD REST

R.K. Collings Wins Kowloon Golf Title

R. K. COLLINGS won the Kowloon Golf Club senior title on Saturday last, when he beat T. B. Low 5 and 4 over 36 holes.

Collings turned 2 up after the first 13.

Junior Championship

H. J. Grosse beat A. J. Butfield 7 and 6 in the 36 holes final for the Junior Championship of the same Club on Sunday.

Macao Students On Hockey Visit to H.K.

MACAO, Apr. 14.—A large party of students of the Macao Lyceum are leaving for Hongkong on Tuesday morning, Apr. 15, and in return for the visit of the Hongkong University eleven on Dec. 17 last, the Lyceum will meet the University for a match on the Pokfulam ground at 3 p.m. Arrangements are being made for the Lyceum hockey team to engage Club de Regatas' 2nd eleven on Wednesday.—Our Own Correspondent.

Softball

Wildcats Beat Rest In Charity Match

CHARITY'S double-feature softball programme at the Kowloon F.C. yesterday attracted a large number of fans and Madame Chiang Kai-shek's National Association for the Relief of War Orphans benefited by quite an amount. The two tilts of the day resulted as many anticipated, for the Wildcats, girls' champions, beat the Rest 9-5, and St Joseph's, men's champions, trounced the Mohawks 7-1.

Hefty Hitting

Saints and the Mohawks clashed in a nine innings' game. Mohawks scored first when they crossed once in the fourth inning, but the Saints came back with a vengeance in the fifth canto and clouded in four! Mohawks' lone tally was their only one for the day, and Saints piled on the agony with a further three runs in the last inning.

Easter Soccer At Home

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The following were the results of football matches played at home.

LONDON CUP

Reims 4, Queens P.F. 3, Crystal Palace 2, Tottenham 2, Reading 2.

LEAGUE SOUTH

Brighton 4, Southampton 3, Norwich 4, Luton 4, Portsmouth 3, Southern 3.

REGIONAL SOUTH

Chelsea 3, Arsenal 1, Westham 3, Watford 2, Millwall 2, Fulham 2, Northampton 2, Stoke 2.

REGIONAL NORTH

Barnsley 3, York 1, Bolton 3, Burnley 2, Everton 3, Blackpool 2, Halifax 3, Blackburn 2, Leeds 2, Bury 2, Manchester City 2, Manchester United 2, Oldham 2, Rotherham 2, Huddersfield 2, Sheffield Wednesday 2, Sheffield United 2, Southend 2, Lincoln 2, Grimsby 2, Chester 2.

REGIONAL MATCHES

Manchester City 3, Tottenham 2, Chelsea 3, Arsenal 1, Westham 3, Watford 2, Millwall 2, Fulham 2, Northampton 2, Stoke 2.

Nippy Forwards Subdued By Staunch Defence

(By "SCRAMBLER")

AGAINST A STUBBORN defence that gave nothing away, South China, the present season's Senior League Champions lost yesterday at Caroline Hill to a Rest of the League team by three goals to nil, although at one period they were all over their opponents.

Bankier in the Rest goal again came out with a sparkling display of goalkeeping, saving shots from all directions with the precision of a clock.

There were thrills to be had when both citadels were subjected to raids in turn, but the more ragged defence of the Rest were better able to stay the pace, and thanks to their rearguards ably led by Hsu King-sing, South China had to succumb to a team that on the whole though not so polished were nevertheless able to obtain goals.

Bankier had much more to do than Tam Kwan-hon, and by his brilliant display, was able to retard South China's aspiration of beating the Rest of the League. Ably supported by Blackburn and Fraser, these backs covered up well, and by their anticipation had South China's attack subdued.

Hsu King-sing was a veritable tower of strength in the pivotal position, always having the better of the argument over the crafty South China's inside trio, with the result that Lee Wal-long was not allowed to become really dangerous. Maxwell and Thomas were both good, often breaking up the opponents' attacks before they had time to settle down.

The attacking quintette all came up well, but Barber was unable to adapt himself to the play, very often spoiling a good movement. Hendy by his opportunism scored two good goals, and often troubled South China's defence. The wingers, Fowler and Hau Ching-tau were always threatening, and both sent across their quota of centres, while Ferrier went about his work unobtrusively.

South China Off

At one period of the game, South China were run off their feet, being left in a quandary by the fast moving tactics of their opponents' attack. Their forwards were the prettier to watch in action, but were invariably robbed or stopped before they could really become effective.

Lee Wal-long was unable to do much, being too closely guarded by the watchful Hsu King-sing, aided by steady backs, Chow Man-chi and Lee Tak-kee, too, were also closely guarded, and between the two of them, Bankier had a lot to perform. In stopping their first time shot at goal, Lee Shek-yu was the better of the two wingers as Lee Kwok-wai after being transferred from the back division did not come out well.

As usual, South China's rearguard started off well, but were unable to stem the tide of the attack directed against them, and Lam Tak-po and his hands full in watching the thrustful Hendy. The Lau brothers did not function so well either, being often left standing by the speed of the opposing wingers.

Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung started off very promisingly, but fell off as the game progressed, and towards the end of the game, even the backs went up to the attack. Tam Kwan-hon saved several shots, but was prone to be shaky under pressure.

Immediate Attack

The game started off very promisingly for the Rest, for they went into the attack immediately, and after



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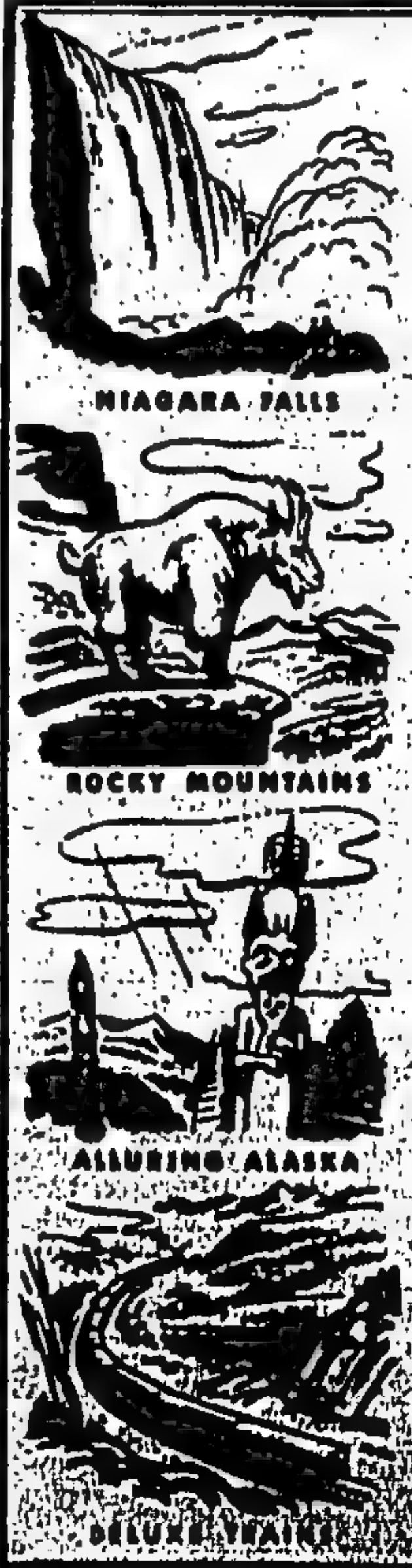


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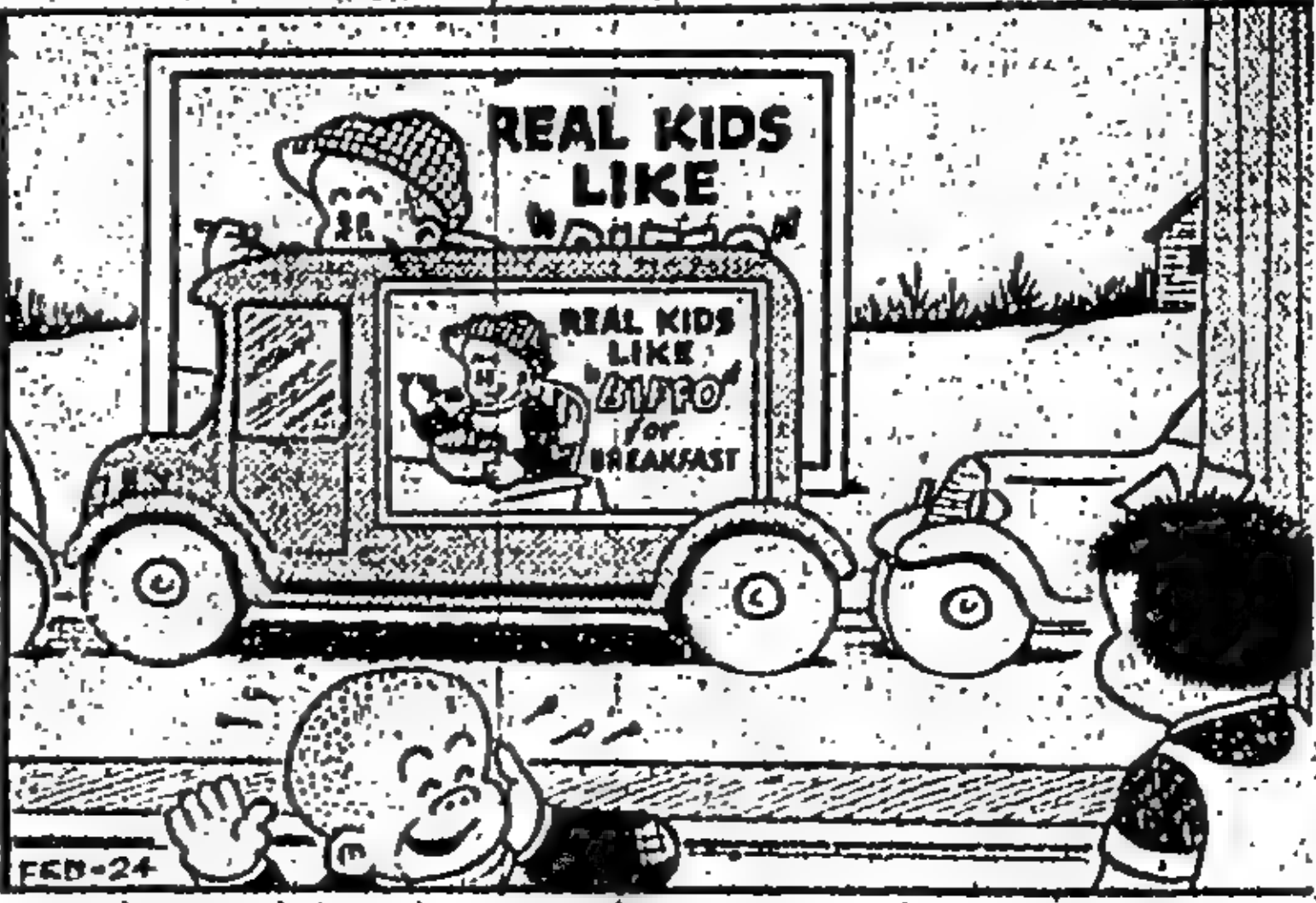
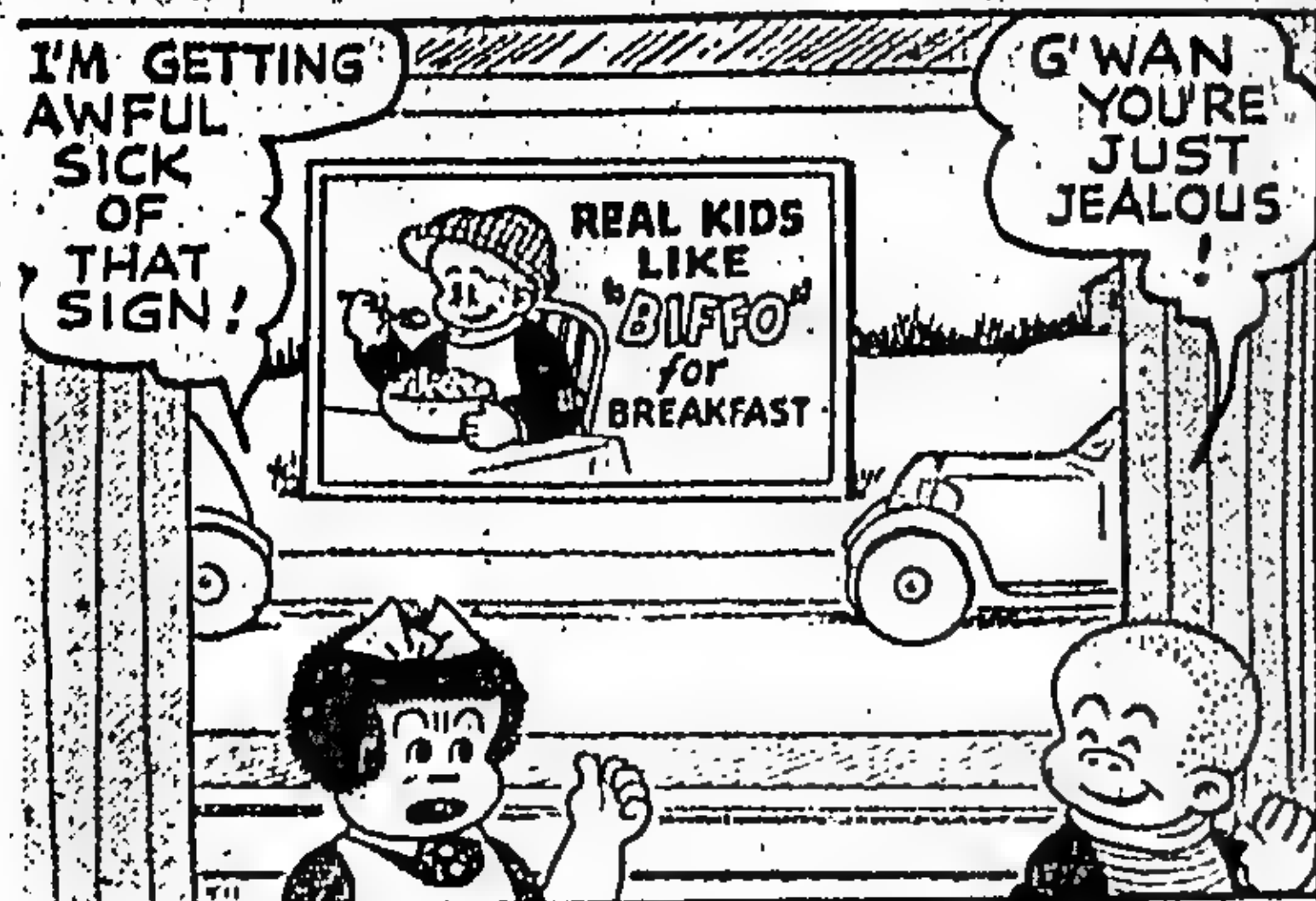
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By Ernie Bushmiller

American Planes For Far East Air Defence

ALTHOUGH BRITAIN'S NEED FOR AIRCRAFT IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE OF WAR IS SAID TO BE AS ACUTE AS EVER, BRITISH AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN SENDING A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF AMERICAN-MADE BOMBERS AND PURSUIT SHIPS TO SINGAPORE DURING THE PAST SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS, WRITES JOSEPH G. HARRISON, IN THE "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR."

Information as to size of these shipments varies, but it is known that past and potential shipments amount to several hundred of the fast fighting craft.

Thus, within the past six weeks Britain is known to have shipped approximately 190 Brewster "Buffalo" pursuit planes to the Far East from the United States. Aviation experts in Washington contend that these ships, which have seen service in their air war over Europe, are more than a match for any ship that Japan can put in the air against them.

There is also good reason to believe that some of the powerful long-range "flying boat" bombers, built by the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation and known as PB1Ys, are being flown or shipped from the west coast to British airfields in the Far East.

The same is true of the Lockheed "Hudson" bomber, a large number of which are now in use in Great Britain. The British, who have found this land-plane bomber to be quite satisfactory, placed orders for it as long ago as 1938 and consequently deliveries of it are said to be of sufficient quantity to permit diversion of deliveries to British forces in the Far East.

Flight Range of Planes

Whereas the PB1Ys could easily fly from California to Singapore by way of American and British Pacific possessions, it is doubted here if the Lockheeds, which have a cruising range of approximately 2,000 miles, could do the same, since some of the hops, particularly that between the United States and Hawaii, would be a "long pull" for such a plane, even though extra gas tanks were placed in empty bomb racks.

Hot Summer This Year

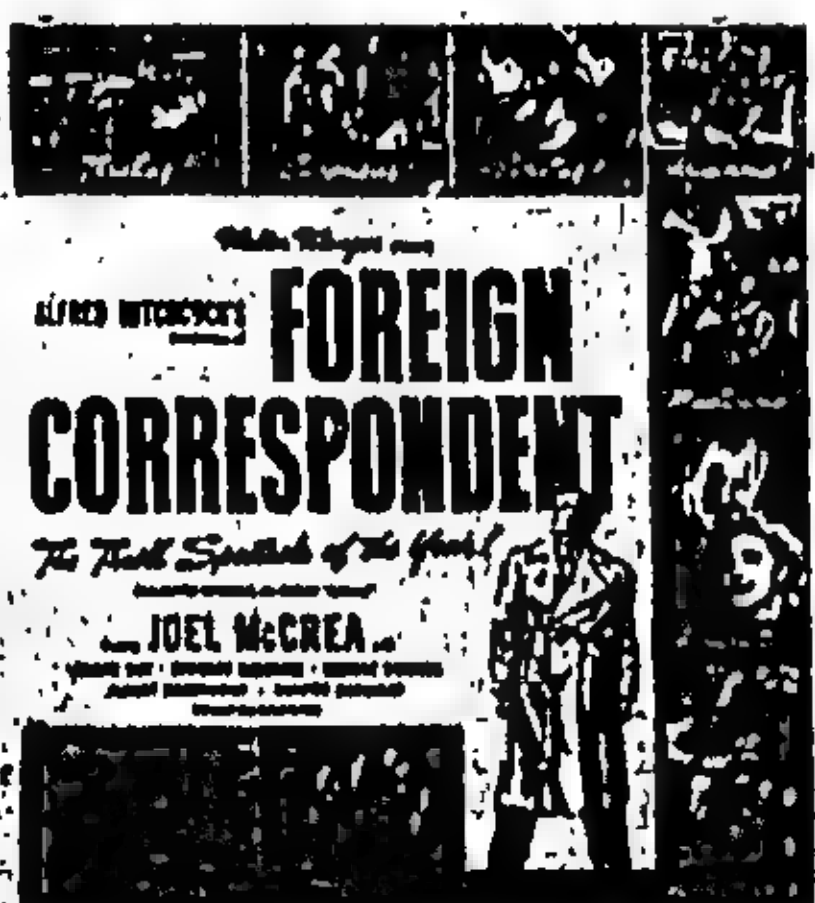
Caused By Sun Spots

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, April 14 (UP).—Dr Albert J. Newlin, director of the Riard Memorial observatory, made a long forecast recently predicting "unusually wet weather" during the next few years with a hot summer in 1941 caused by a heavy sun spot cycle.

Dr Newlin said sun spots reached their maximum in 1939, but have not declined at the usual rate and are causing "irregularities" in the weather.

He believed the sun spots may suddenly decline in about three years, resulting in a return to normal rainfall and cooler temperatures.

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BRITONS SLEEPING LESS

A Gallup Survey has just been taken on the question of how much Sleep Britons are getting by the British Institute of Public Opinion. Here is the answer:

Yes 44 per cent.
No 52 per cent.
Don't know 4 per cent.
Forty-five per cent. of women said they were sleeping less, compared with 41 per cent. of men.

The following table shows the number of hours slept each night on the average:

6 hours or less	8 per cent.
6 1/2 hours	3 per cent.
6 3/4 hours	15 per cent.
7 hours	6 per cent.
7 1/4 hours	22 per cent.
7 1/2 hours	7 per cent.
7 3/4 hours	22 per cent.
8 hours	3 per cent.
8 1/4 hours	6 per cent.
More than 9 hours	0 per cent.

The results of this survey, when compared with those of a similar survey taken in April, 1939, show that whereas in 1939 48 per cent. of people slept more than eight hours, now only 18 per cent. are sleeping more than eight hours. People sleeping six hours and less now total 26 per cent. compared with three per cent. in April, 1939.

LORD HAW HAW'S FATHER DIES OF BROKEN HEART

Mr Michael Joyce father of Germany's notorious broadcaster on English programmes, William Joyce, internationally known as "Lord Haw Haw," died in London recently from heart disease.

It is stated that although reluctant to discuss his son's pro-Nazi broadcasts, he was known to have been bitterly opposed to them, considering them a slur on the family name.

William Joyce fled to Germany before the war, and since the outbreak has constantly delivered anti-British broadcasts.

Early Blitz Victim
Mr Michael Joyce was one of the earliest "blitz" victims in London. During the first big night raid in September, a bomb fell near his home at Dulwich Common, forcing his family to leave their house. They moved to East Dulwich, where Mr Joyce died. He and his wife were both from the West of Ireland.

The "Sunday Pictorial" devoted the whole of its front page in a recent issue to the story, under the heading in poster-size type, "Haw Haw Killed His Father."

It declares that Mr Michael Joyce died of a broken heart, and adds that his wife said, "I am the mother of a traitor. I cannot help it, but if one son is a scoundrel I have others who are not."

London Fashions For America

London mannequins are leaving for South America to display 72 models at Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro.

Nine London dress designers are at work on the models: Creed, Norman Hartnell, Lachasse, Molyneux, Digby Morton, Faquin, Peter Russell, Victor Slubel, and Worth.

These famous designers have been busy creating new fashions from British fabrics in wool, cotton, rayon, silk, linen and lace.



NEW ENVOY—Britain's new Ambassador to U. S., Lord Halifax, left, who arrived on the mighty battleship, King George V, met State Secretary Hull at State Department, Washington. Envoy was met by President Roosevelt at Annapolis anchorage. Lord Halifax lost left hand in boyhood accident and the paper hides empty sleeve in picture above.

Economic Poverty May Force Japan To Drive Southward

By MAX L. BROWN

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, APRIL 14 (UP).—ECONOMIC DESPERATION MAY IMPEL, RATHER THAN BLOCK, A JAPANESE MILITARY DRIVE SOUTHWARD INTO THE RICH ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC, SAYS DR ROBERT C. SHOOK, THE ECONOMIST.

In an exclusive interview with the United States, Dr Shook, vice-president of the International Statistical Bureau and co-author of the recently published book "American Business in a Changing World," asserts that it would represent "wishful thinking" to believe that progressive economic deterioration will prove a prelude to lessened Japanese military activity.

Dr Shook said that there can be no doubt of the steady deterioration of Japan's economic position, with currency circulation, prices and the cost of living showing inflationary increases, and foreign trade curtailed by both the European war and moral and actual embargoes growing out of the straining of political relations with the United States.

"However," he warned, "modern economic history as written since 1933 emphasizes the fact that economic pressures do not necessarily result in depression and collapse and a limiting of the national effort."

"Frequently, the result is exactly the opposite. Where centralized authority already is in control, the result of internal economic pressures frequently reflects itself in a strengthening of that control and a speeding up of political aggression and external military activity."

Germany's Case

"Economists who at first predicted a collapse in Germany because of

the unorthodox methods of internal finance and foreign trade that were adopted in the late 'thirties, now recognize that later Nazi aggressions partly reflected the need for a safety-valve against internal deterioration."

Dr Shook declared that developments in Japan support the belief that the country is now passing through much the same state as did Germany prior to outbreak of the European war.

"Legislation being rushed through (in Japan) permits the government to requisition goods, lands, houses, mines, patent rights and funds," he said. "Wages, salaries, profits, exports and imports, and news will be rigidly controlled and labour disputes can be suppressed. The Navy Minister is about to take over full control of Japan's merchant fleet, with the power to establish convoy systems and control all movements of and communications with Japanese commercial ships."

Indications

"These are not the moves of a government which is feeling economic pressure and which is planning to reduce its military activity as a result. Rather, while these moves

Southward Drive News

From Hainan Island

Kwanchowwan, Apr. 14.
The Japanese southward drive preparations which seemed to have been postponed have now been renewed with the German successes in the Balkans.

Indications are shown in Formosa and Hainan, main bases for the Japanese operations, where additional Japanese naval units are concentrated, while busy troop movements are reported from Chungshan, Boco Tigris, and Po On during the past week after the Japanese closure of the Pearl River.

Well equipped Japanese contingents consisting of about ten thousand soldiers were heading southward to Hainan from Formosa and Central China late last week.

Curfew was declared at Boco Tigris for three days from April 6, when the Japanese were reported to be laying mines off the shore.

Officials of the pro-Japanese Peace Maintenance Committee at Boco Tigris said that closure of the river was connected with Japanese military movement in the delta where the Japanese were rebuilding emplacements.

On April 8 and 9 a number of Japanese transports entered the Canton river with large quantities of ammunition and defence materials for Boco Tigris, including, it is said, several long range guns which will be mounted in the batteries at Shakkok and Waiyuen.

Among the large number of Japanese naval vessels scattered in the Gulf of Tongkin and China Sea near Hainan and Luichow peninsula, there are three battleships three aircraft-carriers and nine heavy cruisers.

Japanese planes have been practicing bombing attacks on warships off the coast of Hainan, where a black-out is enforced after 8 p.m. every night since last week. Greater activities by Japanese naval units on waters between Hainan and Spratly Island were reported during the past fortnight.

A heavy quantity of military supplies was shipped to the Spratly Islands from Sam Ah and Yulin, Japanese naval bases in southern Hainan. Aerodromes were constructed on Spratly Islands with the aid of German military advisers.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

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Emmy Goering, stout ex-actress wife of Hermann, is reported to have been publicly humiliated by an audience at the Vienna Opera.

She appeared at the Opera in an exaggerated evening gown, and wore a brilliant tiara which sparkled as she moved, says the Istanbul correspondent of the "New York Times."

Emmy sat in the imperial box. Then the trouble began.

The secret anti-Nazi opposition were scattered about the audience ready for a demonstration. They began to chant in unison: "Where did you steal that tiara?"

Police ran here and there trying to silence the shouting, but they could make no impression, although they arrested twenty demonstrators, most of them students.

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Merciless Bombing By R.A.F.

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forces in Greece withdrew during Saturday night to new positions. Covering troops inflicted severe casualties on the enemy.

Koritsa Re-occupied
LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuters).—Troops of the Italian Ninth Army are officially reported to have re-occupied Koritsa, according to Rome radio.

Counter-Attacking
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—Military quarters asserted the Germans have re-occupied Kragujevac but that the Yugo-Slav troops are still counter-attacking north of Nish.

Local Resistance
BERLIN, Apr. 14 (UP).—The official news agency states the Serbs are continuing "only local resistance at isolated spots," which the Germans are mopping up very quickly.

There is still no confirmation or denial of the Rome and London despatches that the Germans had contacted British troops in Greece. Eye witnesses report that there has been almost uninterrupted rainfall in Greece since the second day of hostilities.

New Pact Explained By Hull

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of the Republic of China and always remained Chinese territory.

The Chinese Government and people cannot recognise any engagement entered into by third Parties which are derogatory to China's territorial and administrative integrity and wish to state that the Soviet-Japanese declaration just announced has no binding force whatsoever upon China.

Query To Moscow
CHUNGKING, Apr. 15 (Reuters).—News of the Soviet-Japanese Pact did not come as a surprise here since the Chinese firmly believed that the main object of Mr. Matsuo's trip to Europe was the conclusion of an agreement with Moscow.

Questions uppermost in all minds here is whether the Pact will affect Russian assistance to China in her war against Japan. Clarification on this point and future Soviet action in this connection are anxiously awaited. The opinion is generally expressed that the Soviet has concluded the pact mainly for the purpose of ensuring the security of her eastern frontiers to devote full attention to the European war which is spreading rapidly to her doorstep.

It is also declared here that any conflict between the United States and Japan would be to the advantage of Russia.

After a conference of Government leaders, a telegram was despatched to Moscow asking for definite elucidation on certain points in connection with the Pact. The Chinese Government wishes to know definitely what is the Soviet policy towards China as the result of the agreement with Japan.

British Defy Nazis In N. Africa

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scene of combat. Contact was established by the advanced elements and losses were inflicted on the Germans.

The Axis claimed that the British are attempting to evacuate their men from Tobruk by sea and that the British attempt to break the German ring of steel had failed.

Tobruk Fighting
LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—To-day's War Office communique states that an enemy tank attack was repulsed with severe losses at Tobruk this morning, adding, "the situation has been completely restored."

The communique said that considerable casualties were inflicted on the enemy in the vicinity of Sollum. British forces in Greece were obliged to withdraw to new positions last Saturday night.

German Announcement
ZURICH, Apr. 14 (UP).—The German radio announced at 7.30 p.m. that the "remnants of the B.E.F. in North Africa have concentrated in the harbour and town defending their positions there until embarkation operations can be carried out."

LATE NEWS



CAPONE QUIZZED—Smiling behind dark glasses, former underworld king Al Capone leaves Miami Federal building with his lawyer, Ben Toltelbaum. U.S. attorneys questioned him about the \$201,347 income tax judgment against him, as yet uncollected.

New Bombers Fly Ocean To Aid Britain's Fight

(By "Reuters" Air Correspondent)

LONDON, Apr. 14.—A number of new-type United States four-engined flying fortresses have reached Britain from the United States, beating all records in their flight across the Atlantic.

They are known as Boeing B17C and are the first deliveries of this advanced type to be received by the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Shortly they will be flying alongside British and other types of United States four-engined bombers, to add further power to the growing weight of the R.A.F. bombing offensive.

The new Boeing is a development of the first flying fortress from Boeing's Seattle factory and incorporates an important advancement.

Though not the latest of the later models, its four Wright Cyclone engines, each of 1,200 h.p., give it a speed of 300 miles an hour at 25,000 feet while at 220 miles an hour, it has a range of 2,450 miles, which would enable it to fly from Britain as far as Arctic Norway, the eastern border of pre-war Poland or the heel of Italy and back. It can carry a very heavy bomb load.

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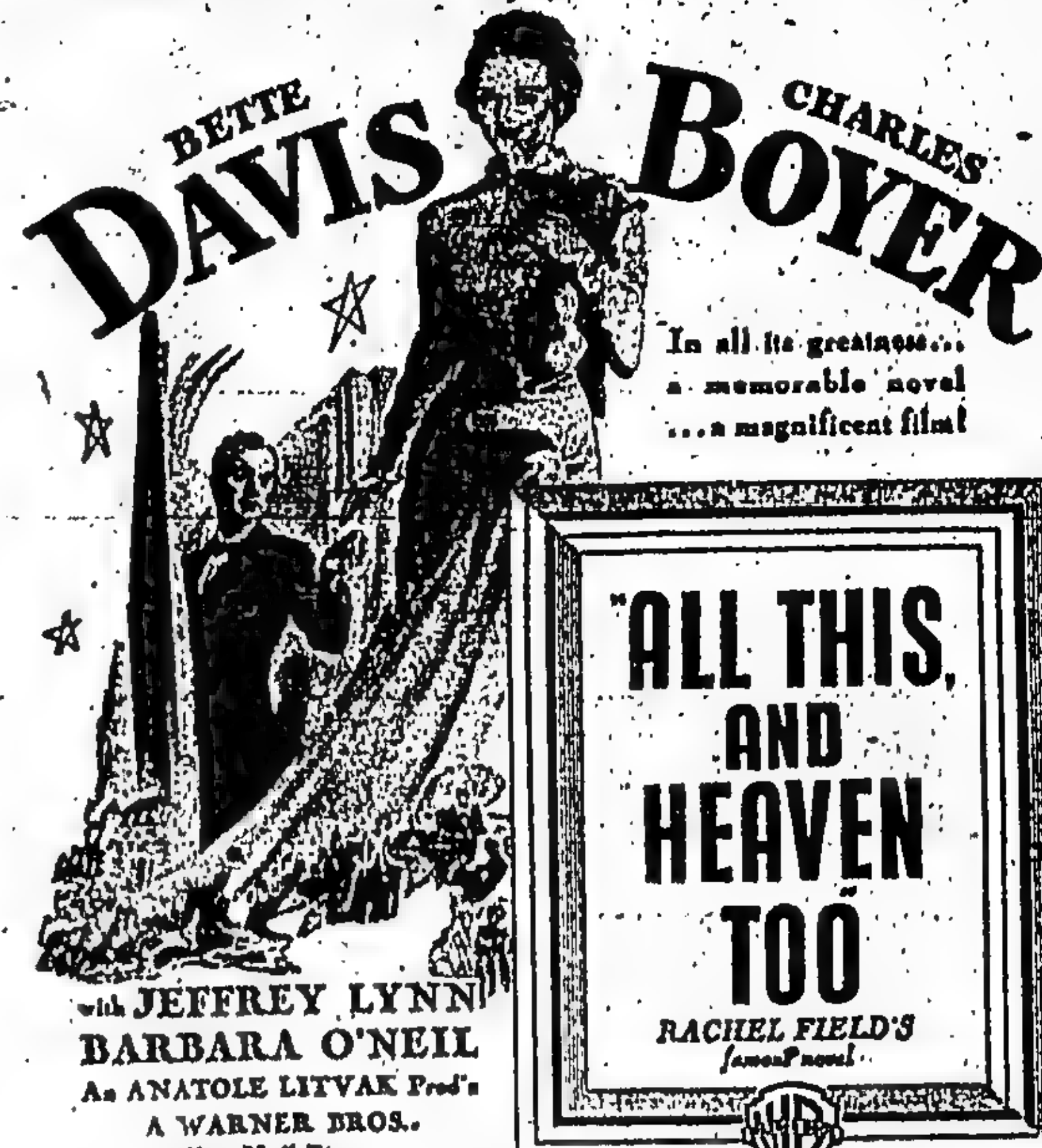
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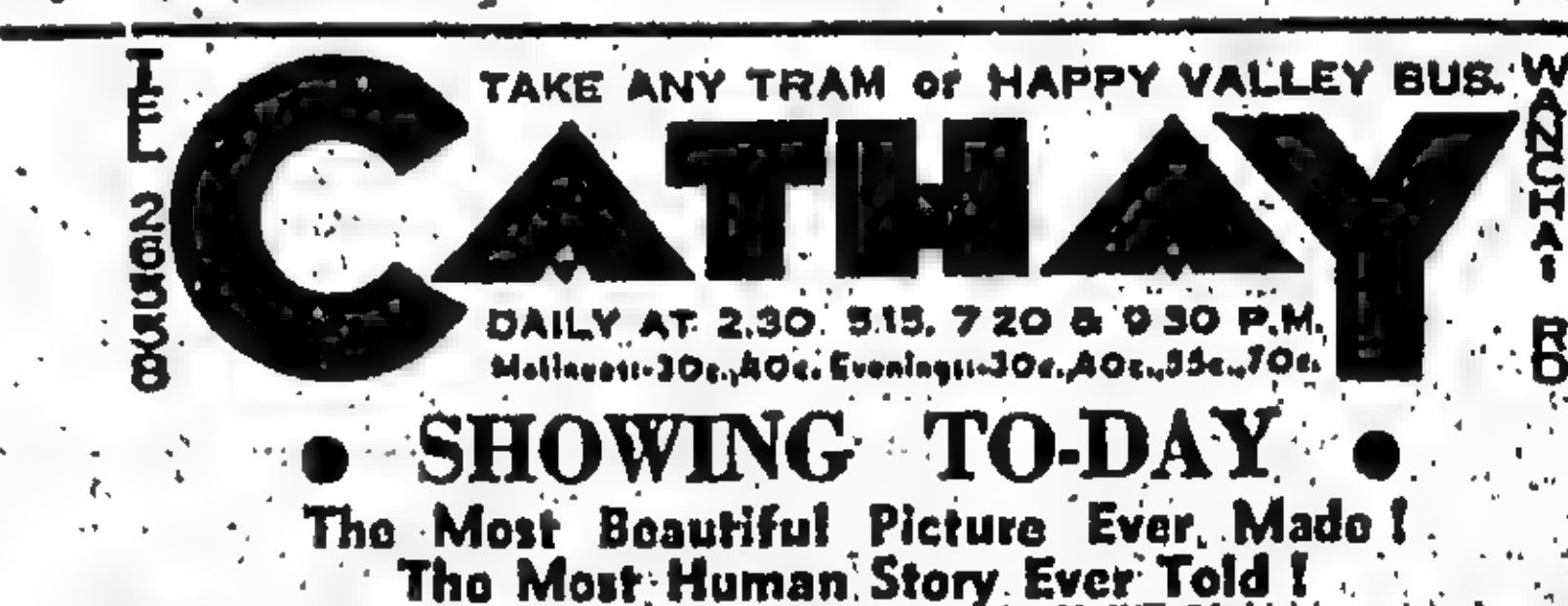
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GERMANS LAUNCHING THEIR OFFENSIVE FOR THE BATTLE OF EGYPT

Special to the "Telegraph"
LONDON, APRIL 14 (UP).—BRITAIN TO-DAY FACES THE STRONGEST CHALLENGE TO HER POSITION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IN THE HISTORY OF THE EMPIRE. AXIS MECHANISED DIVISIONS HAVE STARTED WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE BATTLE FOR EGYPT.

Anglo-Greek Armies Wait Confidently For The Big Battle

Special to the "Telegraph"
LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—A military review given over Radio Athens to-night described the situation as satisfactory, adding that the morale of the troops is better than when the Germans began their attack. British and Greek troops are patiently awaiting a test against the Germans.

YUGO-SLAVS FIGHT WAY CLEAR

Stirring Manifesto
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, Apr. 14 (UP).—A manifesto issued by the Yugo-Slav Legation published from the temporary capital at Sarajevo states that the bulk of the Yugo-Slav army has fought its way out of the German steel ring "and once again will astonish the world as it did in 1913 and 1914."
"The Yugo-Slav army is not seriously deterred."
"Germany offered us not only Salonika but the whole of Bulgaria as the price of our treason against the independence of the Balkan states."
"According to the tradition of our ancestors, we preferred to attack rather than see the burial of Balkan independence."
"We did not want war and nobody in Yugo-Slavia had any illusions about the eventual outcome of a war with Germany."
"Our purpose by our resistance is to lighten the position of our Greek and British Allies."

Church Of Scotland
LONDON, Apr. 14 (British Wireless).—The King has approved of Sir Ian Colquhoun to be appointed Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.
Sir Ian, who is chief of his clan and former Lord Rector of Glasgow University, was Lord High Commissioner at last year's Assembly and also in 1932.

Danish Envoy To U.S. Defies Nazi Control

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Mr Henrik de Kauffmann, Danish Minister in Washington, has formally advised the United States Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, of his refusal to recognise his recall by the Copenhagen Government.
Mr de Kauffmann signed an agreement in Washington on Wednesday, placing Greenland under the protection of the United States Government and giving America the right to establish air-bases there.
The Danish Foreign Office in German-occupied Copenhagen ordered him to return to Denmark after acknowledging receipt of his report on the signing of the agreement.
Mr de Kauffmann had previously succeeded in President Roosevelt's plan to purchase Danish ships in United States ports, which are being held in United States custody.
Ignored Orders
Mr de Kauffmann declared that he had not notified the Danish Government in advance of his intention to sign the Greenland agreement. He added that he had ignored orders from Copenhagen to lodge a protest with the United States Government against the seizure of Danish ships.
The United States had refused to recognise the Danish Government's action in recalling Mr de Kauffmann and has notified the latter that he will continue to be considered as the duly authorised Danish Minister in Washington.

British troops at Tobruk have repulsed the German-Italian attack, while bloody skirmishes in the Sollum area are apparently continuing, although it is not certain whether or not General Wavell is establishing his battle-line there in order to defend Alexandria and the Suez Canal.

The withdrawal of Anglo-Greek troops in northern Greece is not viewed as a setback in view of the lack of news of a major engagement, but it is believed that both sides are sparring for position before launching any large scale action.

A Cairo message says that according to informed quarters, there is no great change in the situation in Libya. Fighting is going on near Tobruk and Sollum.

Rome Talks of Another Dunkirk
ROME, Apr. 14 (UP).—Despatches from Tripoli declare that the British at Tobruk are attempting to keep the Axis encircled, it is claimed that Italians and German planes are hammering the besieged garrison and are also concentrating on British shipping approaching Tobruk.

Heavy damage to the port was suffered as a result of the first English bombardment, and the Axis attacks have undoubtedly made British escape via the sea most difficult.

Simultaneously, it is possible that Dunkirk operations elsewhere are also occupying the British navy in the Mediterranean, including assistance to the Yugo-Slavs who are withdrawing towards the Adriatic, and the British forces which might possibly be cut off in Greece.

There is the possibility that the British navy will establish reinforcements on the Egyptian coast where the Axis mechanised units have already taken Sollum and are continuing in the direction of Bugbug and Sidi Barrani.

Egyptian Cabinet Meets
CAIRO, Apr. 14 (UP).—The Egyptian Cabinet held a lengthy session to-day when, it is understood, they mainly discussed the international situation.

Northeast Town Raided
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—Flying high, German planes carried out snap raids on two northeast coast towns to-night, providing the only activity so far over Britain.

Hundreds of incendiaries were showered on one town, but the damage caused was slight.

Heavy gunfire drove off the raiders, whereafter another attack, although very brief, was made, which provided no incidents.

Chinese For S. M. Council Selected
SHANGHAI, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—With the special meeting of ratifiers at which the names and composition of a provisional council are to be officially authorised by foreign ratifiers only two days away, it was reported in reliable Chinese circles yesterday although it is not officially confirmed, that Fan An-sun, manager of the Central Reserve Bank, and Jabin Hsu, head of the Trust Department of the same institution would be named as two of the four Chinese Councilors.

The two other Chinese Councilors nominated will be Mr L. T. Yuan and Mr Yu Lin-shi, the only two Chinese members of the present Council now in Shanghai.

The other three members, Messrs Yu Ya-ching, Y. Gockson and T. C. Shen left Shanghai some time ago.

The difficulty in nominating Chinese members to the New Council was firstly due to the fact that a large number of executive members of the Chinese Ratifiers Association are not in Shanghai at present.

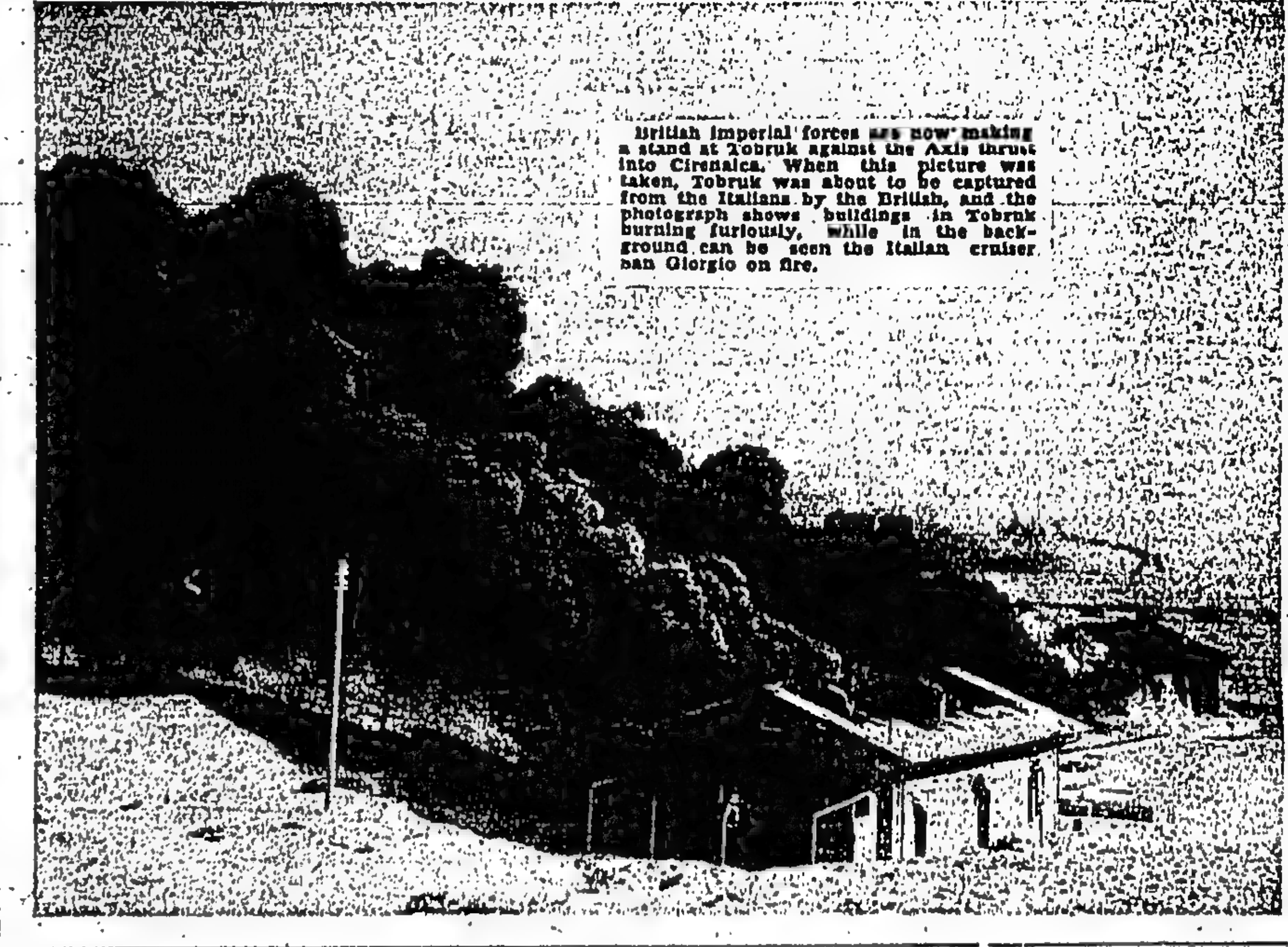
Five men were finally nominated by the Association.

New Situation
However, with a new situation arising as a result of negotiations between the Councils General for Britain, Japan and the United States by which a Provisional Council will be composed of 16 members, of which the Chinese will only get four members—the Chinese Ratifiers Association were called upon to make a new announcement.

With Chungking not having given its approval to the plan proposed by the Councils General of Britain, Japan and the United States, and with the majority of the members of the Chinese Ratifiers Association absent from Shanghai, no move will be made by the Chinese.

The appointment of the four Chinese is likely to be officially announced to-day.

SOVIET BORDER CLASH REPORTED
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Apr. 14 (UP).—A dispatch from Tientsin reported that Soviet border guards have detected a band of armed intruders at an unguarded point on the Central Asian frontier.



Germans May Attempt Pincer Movement Against The Suez

Special to the "Telegraph"
VICHY, Apr. 14 (UP).—The Turkish Radio at Istanbul has advanced the opinion that the German High Command intends to turn to the eastern Mediterranean basin to attack Palestine, the Suez Canal and Egypt in a pincer operation.

It is intended to pinch off the British operations on the Nile, while the other half of the pincers close in on Libya, thus liberating the isolated Italian armies in Ethiopia, if the Duke of Aosta can hold out long enough in his mountain positions, aided by the seasonal rains which are due in May.

The announcement pointed out that Hitler has his choice of using either Turkey or Russia as a corridor. It was explained that that is why Axis agents are preparing the terrain for transport of the German armies through Iraq, Iran and Syria, but it was suggested that the German High Command may find passage through Turkey too difficult.

Americans Warned Again
ISTANBUL, Apr. 14 (UP).—The United States Consulate to-day circulated all United States citizens for the third time since August 28, 1939, urging them to "make plans for prompt departure unless you are prepared to remain in Turkey regardless of conditions which may be expected in event of war."

Developments in the Balkans have brought the war to the frontiers of Turkey. In the event of an extension of the war in this country it will probably be extremely difficult if not impossible, to leave Turkey by any normal means of transportation.

About 300 Americans have already left Turkey.

Turkey's Attitude
ZURICH, Apr. 14 (UP).—Radio Rome, quoting the Bulgarian press from Ankara revealed that Turkish President, General Inenli, declared to the Greek Minister, that Turkey would enter the war only if attacked directly.

It was announced that the recalled Greek and Yugo-Slavian Ministers recently advised the Turkish Government that Bulgarian soldiers were fighting in the Balkans to "provoke Turkey's entry into the war." The claim of the Ministers was false. No Bulgarian troops are fighting against Yugo-Slavia and Greece.

Moscow-Tokyo Pact Rebuff For Hitler
Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (UP).—The Russo-Japanese neutrality treaty represents the first break in the triple alliance. Hitler, doubtless, is convinced that Japan intended to take this means to escape from the full commitments of the triple alliance, but is unable to change the determination of the Tokyo government.

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Inferential Warning
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In addition to freeing herself from the Russian liability under the triple alliance, Japan is also released from the direct fear of Russia in the event of a Japanese military drive southward.

Parachute Troops In Shanghai
Shanghai, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Japanese parachute troops were on view for the first time in Shanghai yesterday when scores of soldiers leaped from thirty large transport planes in a demonstration near the Civic Centre in Kiangwan area, says the "North China Daily News."

The entire lot flew at a height of about 10,000 feet before the parachutists made their jump.

Throughout the day Japanese planes flew over the settlement in large formations. At one time 34 planes were seen flying in two close formations of 17 each.

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Chinese Cut Railway
Lure Invader From Shai
SHANGHAI, Apr. 15 (Reuter).—Japanese communications were interrupted following the destruction of sections of the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway between Kashi and Kashi, according to the Chinese press reports.

Chinese troops are stated to be moving eastward from Kiangnan and Pinghu areas along the railway.

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H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$.....70 1/4 n.
Chartered \$.....8 1/2 n.
Metcalf & Co. \$.....2 1/4 n.
Metcalf & Co. \$.....10 1/2 n.
East Asia \$.....70 n.

INSURANCES
Cantons \$.....225 n.
Union \$.....430 n.
China Underwriters \$.....1 n.
H.K. Fire \$.....187 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$.....135 n.
Steamships \$.....8 1/2 n.
Indo-China \$.....80 n.
Indo-China \$.....60 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$.....41 3/4 n.
Waterboats \$.....65 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$.....88 n.
Docks \$.....10 n.
Provident \$.....530 n.
S'hai Dockyards \$.....20 n.

MINING
Kailan \$.....15/- n.
Raubu \$.....8 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels \$.....3 n.
Lands \$.....33 1/2 n.
Lands 4% Debentures \$.....97 1/4 n.
S'hai Lands \$.....12 30 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....3 10 n.
Chinese Estates \$.....80 n.

UTILITIES
Trams \$.....16 1/4 n.
Peaks Trams (old) \$.....7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....52 n.
Star Ferries \$.....23 1/2 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....62 n.
China Lights (new) \$.....1 1/4 n.
H.K. Electric (old) \$.....20 n.
H.K. Electric (new) \$.....25 n.
H.K. Electric \$.....15 n.
Macao Electric (old) \$.....18 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (new) \$.....17 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights \$.....12 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....23 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) \$.....9 1/4 n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macq. (Ord.), Sh. \$.....30 n.
Cald. Macq. (Pref.), Sh. \$.....25 n.
Canton Ices \$.....10 n.
Cement \$.....10 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....7 1/4 n.

STORES, Etc.
Dairy Farms \$.....17 1/4 n.
Watsons \$.....10 n.
Lane Crawford \$.....7 1/2 n.
Sincere \$.....2 1/2 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....30 n.
Powell Ltd. \$.....180 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. \$.....43 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. \$.....200 n.

MISC.
H.K. Govt 4% \$.....97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934) \$.....94 1/4 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940) \$.....94 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 G.S.Ds. \$.....28 n.
H.K. Entertainments \$.....9 1/2 n.
Constructions (old) \$.....1 n.
Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.
Vibro Piling \$.....720 n.
Marsmans Inv. \$.....6 3/4 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) \$.....2 1/2 n.

Manila Meeting Of Officials

BATAVIA, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Mr H. Rijnman, head of the Government Information Bureau, who took part in the recent meeting at Manila of the Netherlands East Indies Foreign and Colonial Secretaries with Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, British Commander-in-Chief, Far East, emphasised in an interview that the meeting was of a "purely incidental" character and not a formal "conference of Powers" as the press had inferred.

RAID ON NORWAY Own Navy's Operation

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—It is learned that the raid on the north Norwegian coast must have been made by Norwegian warships under Norwegian command in agreement with the British navy.

The raid last Saturday was successful although not on the scale of the raid on Lofoten Island.

It is also understood that some Norwegians were brought away.

Cholera Regulation Not Observed
Six women, Tsoi Kam-ho, 35, Lam Ho, 42, Chen Sang, 77, Li Sui, 33, Leung Kam, 38, Chan Ping-ching, 34, were charged before Mr H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with breach of anti-cholera regulations by collecting shell-fish at Cheungshawan beach yesterday afternoon.

Defendants pleaded guilty and were each fined \$10 or default to serve 14 days' hard labour.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Wong Kit Yan is the Chief Manager of the Kwong Ngai Studio of No. 244, Queen's Road, Central and that he alone can sign all foreign and Chinese contracts and guarantees in his Chinese signature with the principal chop of the firm. All contracts and guarantees otherwise signed and chopped shall be null and void and the firm shall not be held responsible.

KWONG NGAI STUDIO.
Hong Kong, 12th April, 1941.

NOTICE

It is notified for general information that by arrangement with the C.P.R. the Chinese Passenger Office (entrance Chater Road) will be used temporarily for the issue of licences approved by the Trade Control Office.

Licences submitted for approval should be handed in as at present at the Trade Control Office in the P.O. Bldg. A slip bearing the No. of the licence(s) will be handed to the messenger. If licences are handed in in the morning the No. slips should be presented at the Chater Road Office in the afternoon; slips for licences handed in in the afternoon should be presented the following morning. Firms are requested to co-operate by instructing their messengers not to wait about in the P.O. Bldg. after handing in the licences.

The issue of licences from the Chater Road Office will begin on the morning of Wednesday, April 16th.

Fanling Golf

F. D. Hunter Wins Shanghai Visitors' Cup
F. D. HUNTER (1) won the Shanghai Visitors' Cup at Fanling on Sunday when he returned a net score of 127 for 36 holes on the Old Course.

D. I. Bosanquet won the prize for the best morning round with 72, and G. W. Reeve took the prize for the afternoon round with 75.

Complete scores were:
F. D. Hunter (1) 75 77=152.
D. I. Bosanquet (1) 74 70=152.
A. B. Purves (1) 74 70=152.

Hunter wins with the best score for the last 18 holes.

G. W. Reeve (14) 79 75=154; A. D. Humphreys (11) 79 75=154; J. J. Dennis (7) 77 78=155; W. W. C. Sheehan (8) 75 81=156; G. M. Park (6) 80 77=157; A. McKellar (7) 79 78=157; J. B. Mackie (8) 82 76=158; W. J. A. Mackenzie (10) 82 76=158; J. J. van Muihlen (20) 75 83=158; Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews (10) 70 83=153; J. Llanerch (15) 77 83=160.

Adamson Cup
G. W. Sewell with a score of 81—12=09 qualified for the Adamson Cup for April.

Bomber Competition
Capt. J. Reidy won the play-off for the Third S. C. M. Post (Bomber Fund) Competition.

Fanling Ladies Beat Kowloon

The match played on the New Course, Fanling, on Saturday, between the ladies of the Kowloon Golf Club and those of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, resulted in a win for the latter.

The collection for the Ladies Golf Union Spill Fund now amounts to \$1,240 and £30. The list is about to be closed and ladies wishing to subscribe are requested to send in their contributions to Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie, 47 Stubbs Road, before the end of the week.

Home Rugger Results

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The following were the results of Easter Monday Rugby:

Bath 13, Army XV 11; Cardiff 8, Pontypool 8; North Command 14, Eastern Command 9; Wasps 6, Hayden Tanners Welsh XV 6.

Kelghley 2, Huddersfield 23; Halifax 70, Featherstone 2; York 17, Castleford 9; Bradford Northern 28, Wigan 9.

DINNER TO CELEBRATE SOCCER SUCCESS

In celebration of their fourth consecutive championship in the senior football league and their winning of the Senior Challenge Shield and the Kowloon Charity Cup, the South China Athletic Association held a dinner at the Ying King Restaurant last night.

There was a large gathering present, including Hon. Mr. S. C. Smith, President of the Hongkong Football Association, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, M.C., Hon. Mr. Li Tai-fong, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Chairman of the Football Council as well as representatives from other clubs.

The occasion was also taken to make a presentation to Mr. Leung Cheuk-wan, football manager.

Aussies At Side Of Greeks

ATHENS, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—"It is not unlikely that the action of Greece, this small and noble nation, may prove in the end to be the beginning of the downfall of Nazi tyranny."

This statement occurs in a special Order of the Day issued to his troops by the commander of the Australian forces in the Middle East, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey.

General Blamey recalled that 20 years ago, an Australian army landed on these regions on the great Gallipoli adventure.

General Blamey's Order says: "Every Greek man and woman and every pound of Greek money is being put into the war effort. We come as comrades in arms. We have now landed again in these regions to fight at the side of the Greeks and to overthrow once more the German effort to enslave the world."

Appeal For Recruits
SYDNEY, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—"The Empire is about to pass through the greatest since the collapse of France," declared the Australian Army Minister, Mr. P. C. Spender, appealing for recruits to-day.

"Hitler is slaking all on the next months. When we have ridden the storm, he will be doomed."

Yesterday's Cash Sweep Numbers

RACE 1
No. 545 \$1,235.85
No. 2901 353.70
No. 1439 716.25

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 409, 1703, 1041, 624, 3026, 776, 383, 2923.

RACE 2
No. 2276 \$1,409.80
No. 310 402.80
No. 1439 201.40

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3303, 832, 1041, 1566, 752, 3147, 1759, 1575.

RACE 3
No. 2402 and 2757 \$941.10 each
No. 2909 209.15
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1629, 547, 2491, 3176, 2328, 2445, 870, 2001, 2341, 2052.

RACE 4
No. 10 \$1,604.03
No. 2076 458.30
No. 2907 220.15

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1467, 3302, 2206, 065, 530, 2359.

RACE 5
No. 4153 \$2,017.40
No. 3027 576.40
No. 4150 289.20

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 088, 2601.

RACE 6
No. 3787 \$2,046.00
No. 550 594.80
No. 550 202.40

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3420, 1009, 4200, 2033.

RACE 7
No. 3067 \$1,836.20
No. 4307 353.20
No. 4307 276.60

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 432, 701, 447, 2454, 609, 808, 2090, 1653, 774, 3262.

RACE 8
No. 1070 \$2,041.20
No. 3780 583.20
No. 624 291.60

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3315, 3504, 3450, 2063, 4315, 3862, 3224.

RACE 9
No. 2573 \$2,070.60
No. 3107 591.60
No. 3107 283.80

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 219, 1066, 1481, 244, 536, 480, 2772, 415, 67.

RACE 10
No. 4089 \$2,125.80
No. 3287 622.80
No. 1904 303.70

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1716, 4209, 640, 2416.

RACE 11
No. 1276 \$2,093.45
No. 2241 590.70
No. 2077 209.33

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4332, 1229, 1834, 2056, 1040, 2222, 4028, 5412, 4075.

RACE 12
No. 3420 \$4,610.00
No. 1325 1,214.40
No. 4670 655.70

Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 3363, 1706, 3170.

Home Racing Odds-On Favourite Places Third

NOTTINGHAM, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The first real test for turf classic candidates to-day furnished a surprise when Keystone, formerly known as a Rosetta filly, ridden by Gordon Richards, started an odds-on favourite and finished third in a field of six in the Southern Three-Year-Old Plate over a mile.

The winner was Mr Goodbody's Selim Hassan, trained by the Duchess of Norfolk, which beat Mr. Selim Hassan's brilliant performance will probably result in him being made favourite for the Derby.

The betting was—Selim Hassan 7/2; Mr Sawyer 7/1; Keystone 4/9.

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Exchange At A Glance

SELLING
T.T. London1/2 1/2
Demand London1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai450
T.T. Singapore55 1/2
T.T. Japan102 1/2
T.T. India102 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.24 1/4
T.T. Manila48 1/4
T.T. Batavia45 1/4
T.T. Bangkok149 1/4
T.T. Saigon105
T.T. France103
T.T. Switzerland103
T.T. Australia1/6 1/4

BUYING
4 m/s L/C London1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.25 1/4
4 m/s France84 1/4
30 d/s India84 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. 4.02 1/2

JAPANESE WOMAN'S CLAIM

Married To Chinese
Ko Ohmori, 39, married woman, of No. 10, Luard Road, first floor, was charged before Mr G. T. Eowry at Central Magistracy yesterday with breach of the Registration Ordinance by failing to report herself as a Japanese subject at the Registration of Persons Office within 48 hours of her arrival in the Colony on March 22.

Defendant admitted the charge but said that she was a naturalised Chinese subject as she had been married to a Chinese official for 20 years. She used to live in Canton before the Japanese occupation.

Colony's Laws
Sgt Mann of the Special Branch stated that according to the Colony's regulations Defendant was considered to be Japanese subject because she was not of the Chinese race. He added that last December Defendant had not been permitted to land in Hongkong from a ship from Macao owing to the same reason.

The case was adjourned to April 22 for Defendant to produce her Chinese naturalisation paper which she claimed would arrive from Chungking in a few days' time. Defendant is on \$100 bail.

GREAT BRITAIN RAIDED

With Little Loss
LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—German aircraft flying singly have dropped bombs at several widely separated places in various parts of England during to-day.

Casualties were very few and though damage was done at some points, it was nowhere very great.

An Air Ministry communique states also that machine-gun attacks were made at some points but were entirely ineffective.

One enemy bomber was destroyed in North Wales last night.

ENVOYS LEAVE SCENE OF WAR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
Moscow, Apr. 14 (UP).—The British, Dutch and Belgian Ministers and their staffs from Budapest arrived here by train this morning. The same train brought the Yugoslav (Croatian) Mission to Bratislava.

It is understood that the Greek and Yugoslav-Slavian representatives at Budapest are still being detained presumably pending the safe departure of the Italian and German representatives from Greece and Yugoslavia.

Manslaughter In Teahouse Alleged

Four employees of a teahouse were remanded for a week on a charge of manslaughter, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The accused are Chan Tak, 20, Cheng Chan-leung, 20, Ching Ming-lap, 21, and Chung Yu-shing, 20.

Defendants are alleged to have assaulted and killed an unknown Chinese male when he failed to pay his bill after a meal.

Det. Inspector A. E. Carey is in charge of the case.

Tired People Turn To Countryside In Spring

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Apr. 14 (Domei).—Taking advantage of the bright and warm morning on Sunday, an estimated 4,000,000 people left the capital to visit the countryside.

Bent on viewing the cherry blossoms, which are now in full bloom, some 450,000 jammed the Odawara electric railway facilities seeking to reach the banks of the Tama river and points beyond.

Ueno station was also thronged by close on 400,000, while another 100,000, including many horse-racing fans, bound for the Nakayama meet, trained the facilities of the Keisei electric train system. Most of the holiday makers, however, beat a hasty retreat for home when heavy rain swamped the Tokyo area at 3 p.m.

Union Waterboat Co. Feels Absence of Ships

A decrease in profit, largely as a result of fewer ships using this port because of the war, was reported by the Hon. Mr S. H. Dodwell, Chairman of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd; at the 38th ordinary general meeting held this morning.

The Hon. Mr Dodwell said: With considerably fewer ships using this port as a result of the war, Water Snics have been seriously affected.

Total sales for this year amounted to 489,000 tons, or 88,000 tons less than 1939 sales. The position has still further deteriorated since December 31 last and at present we are only averaging 1,000 tons a day, which is 25 per cent. lower than in 1940.

Our four Diesel Engine boats, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, have carried out the bulk of the deliveries. With Coal at its present prohibitive price the Steam Engine boats Nos. 5, 7 and 9, are too expensive to run and we have laid them up in Yaumati Typhoon Shelter as often as possible.

New Saving
In this connection we have been helped considerably by the Talkoo Sugar Refining Company, from whom we always draw part of our supplies. The new 500 ton storage tank for filtered water which they have erected enables us to fill our Diesel boats with 300 tons of water in half an hour. This considerable saving in filling time means that more work can be got out of these boats and it is almost as good as having another boat.

It was decided last year to convert No. 9 Waterboat to a Diesel-Engine boat and also to instal a new pumping-set to increase its rate of delivery. The pumping unit has arrived in the Colony and is in the process of being erected, but I regret to report that the propelling machinery was lost on its way out from Home by enemy action. A new engine has been ordered and is expected in a couple of months' time.

Early in March this year the Naval Authorities commandeered our steam tugboat Nos. 5 and 7. Although the rate of hire will probably be small, having them taken off our hands will mean an appreciable saving in Crews Wages, Upkeep and Insurance, and unless the demand for water should show an unexpected increase we should not have difficulty in meeting our customers' requirements.

Fleet In Good Condition
The Superintendent reports that the fleet is in first class condition and that no major repairs should be in need of major repairs for some time to come.

The profit on Working is \$45,851.57, nearly \$10,000 less than the previous year, and this is almost entirely due to the reduced Water Sales. In view of the increase in running costs it was decided to raise our price for water from .65 cts to .80 cts per ton, but this increase only came into effect on October 1 and so has not appreciably increased our revenue.

Comparing expenses with the previous year, savings on account of coal, launch working and stores have been offset by increases in cost of oil fuel, and office expenses. The latter due to a higher cost of living allowance of 10 per cent. granted the Staff and the Special War Taxation which was just under \$2,000.

Depreciation
The figure shown for Depreciation on Waterboats and Launch in the

Profit and Loss A/C is some \$1,500 lower than the previous year and this represents the depreciation which would have been chargeable on No. 8 Waterboat which was sold in February, 1940.

The profit on the sale of this boat which amounted to \$1,820.07 has been transferred to General Reserve. The net profit for the year under review is \$27,020.53, and adding to this the amount carried forward from last year of \$3,278.95 leaves us with \$31,299.53 for appropriation, with which it is proposed to deal as follows:

To General Reserve\$ 5,171.93
To Staff Leave & Contingency A/c2,400.44
To Special Repairs3,000.00
Dividend of 45 cts on 38,813 shares17,465.95
Carry forward to next account3,070.31
\$31,299.53

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr R. K. Valentine, the Report and Statement of Accounts were unanimously adopted.

Present at the meeting were: The Hon. Mr S. H. Dodwell (Chairman), the Hon. Mr A. L. Shields, Messrs A. H. Veltman, L. J. Davies, R. Ono (Directors), A. C. I. Bowker (Secretary), R. K. Valentine, W. Wright, J. S. Howell, V. Yanovich (Shareholders), and F. Edwards (Superintendent).

Break From Sing Sing Four Men Die

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OSSINING, N.Y. Apr. 14 (UP).—Two Manhattan convicts who shot their way out of Sing Sing Prison to-day have been recaptured in Rockland County, on a mountain side, and have returned here after seven hours of liberty.

Joseph Riordan, 23, and Charles McGale, 42, broke from the Sing Sing Hospital at 2 a.m. and fled to the wooded rocky west side of the Hudson River in a fisherman's boat after killing a guard and a patrolman.

A third convict, John Walters, 30, was killed by a patrolman and a fourth, McGovern Miller, 35, died of a heart attack which Warden Lawes said was due to the excitement.

Strike Averted
PITTSBURGH, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The United States Steel Corporation has averted the strike called by the Trade Union Congress of Industrial Organizations for Tuesday night by granting a wage increase of ten cents an hour and more liberal holidays to its 240,000 employees.

The increase dates retrospectively from April 1. The new hourly rate will give employees a weekly increase of about \$4 each.

EXHIBITION of LATEST PATTERNS

IN PLATINUM RINGS SET WITH EMERALDS SAPPHIRES AND DIAMONDS ALSO DIAMOND WRIST WATCHES AT SENNET FRERES

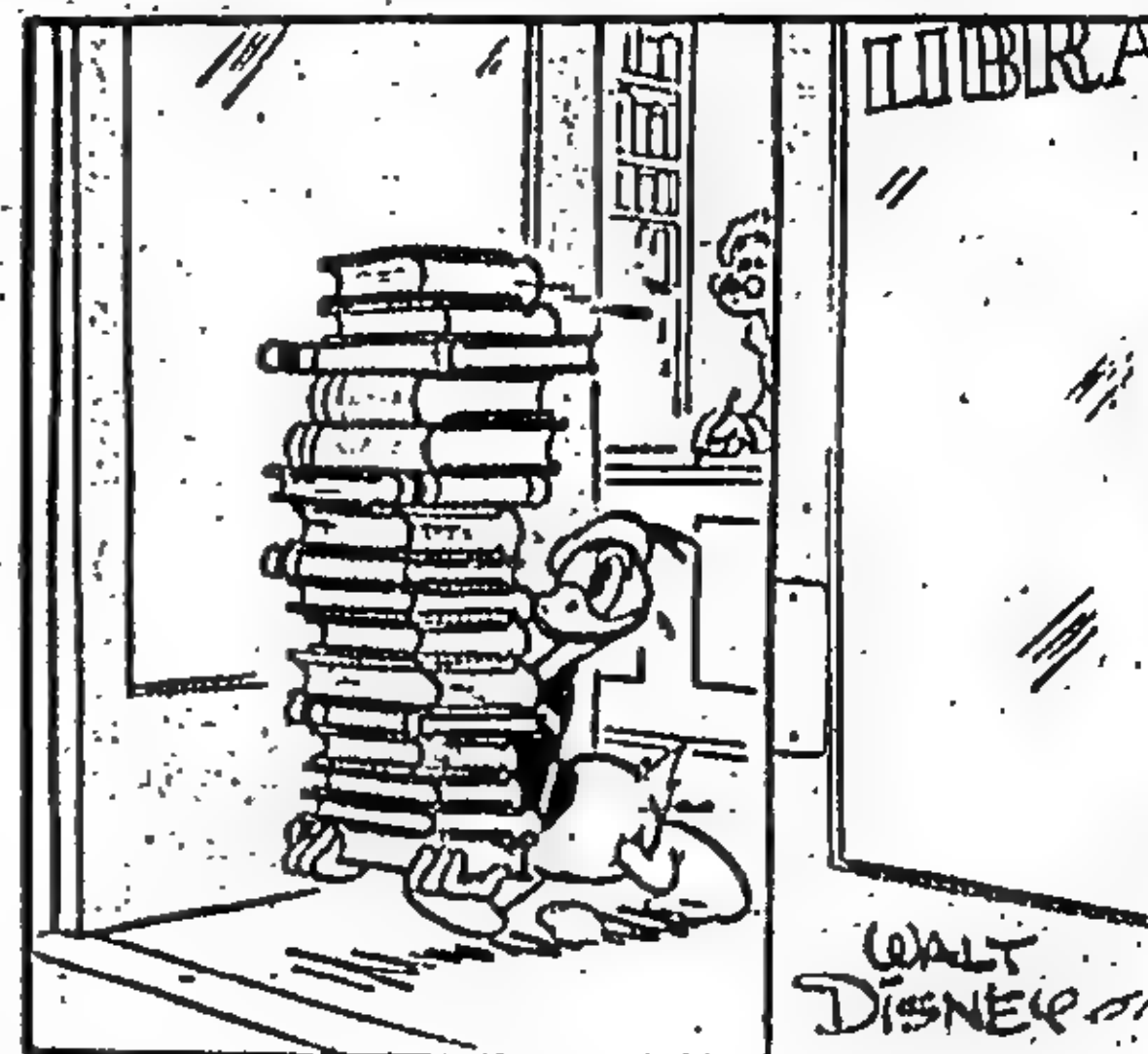
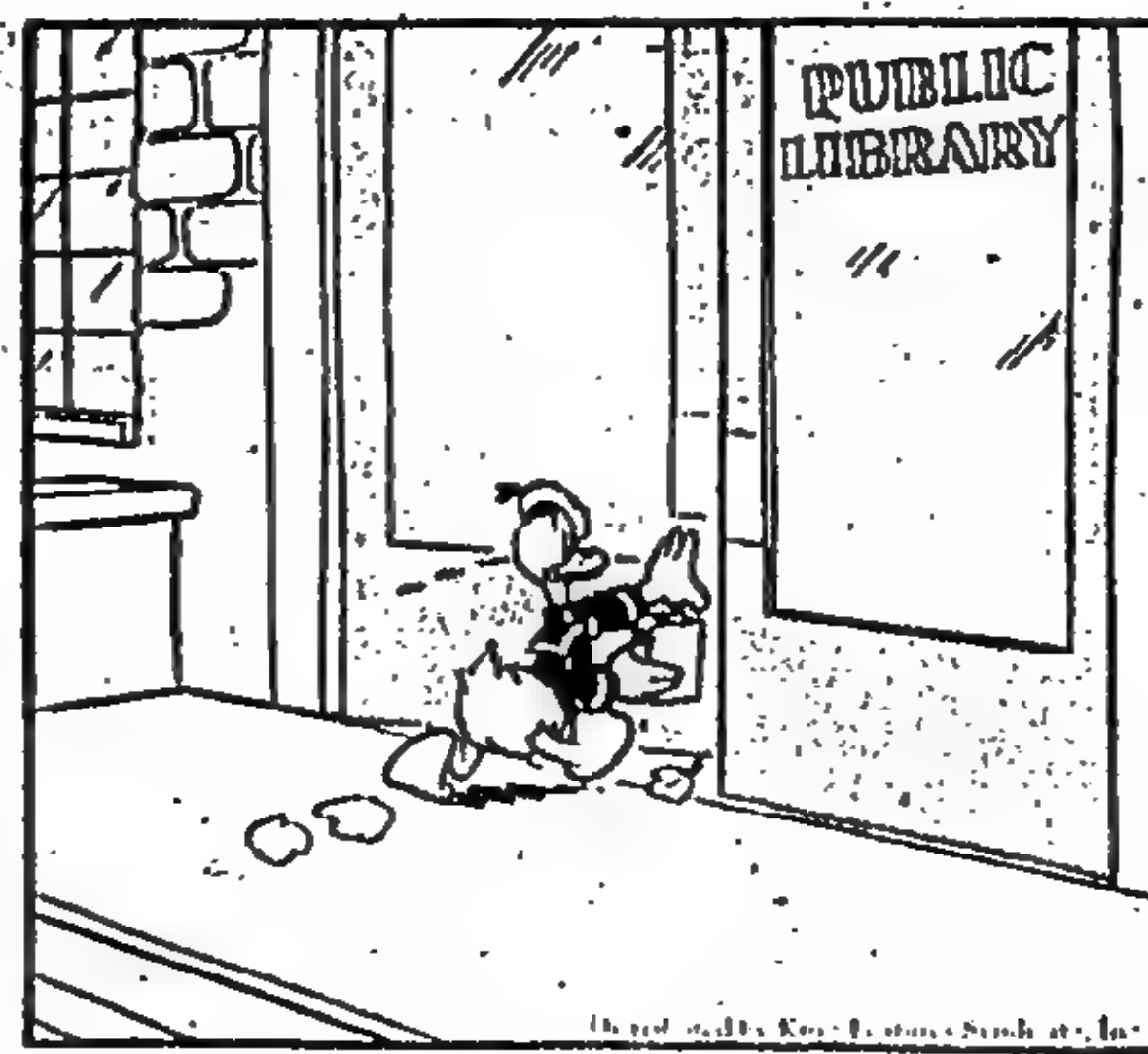
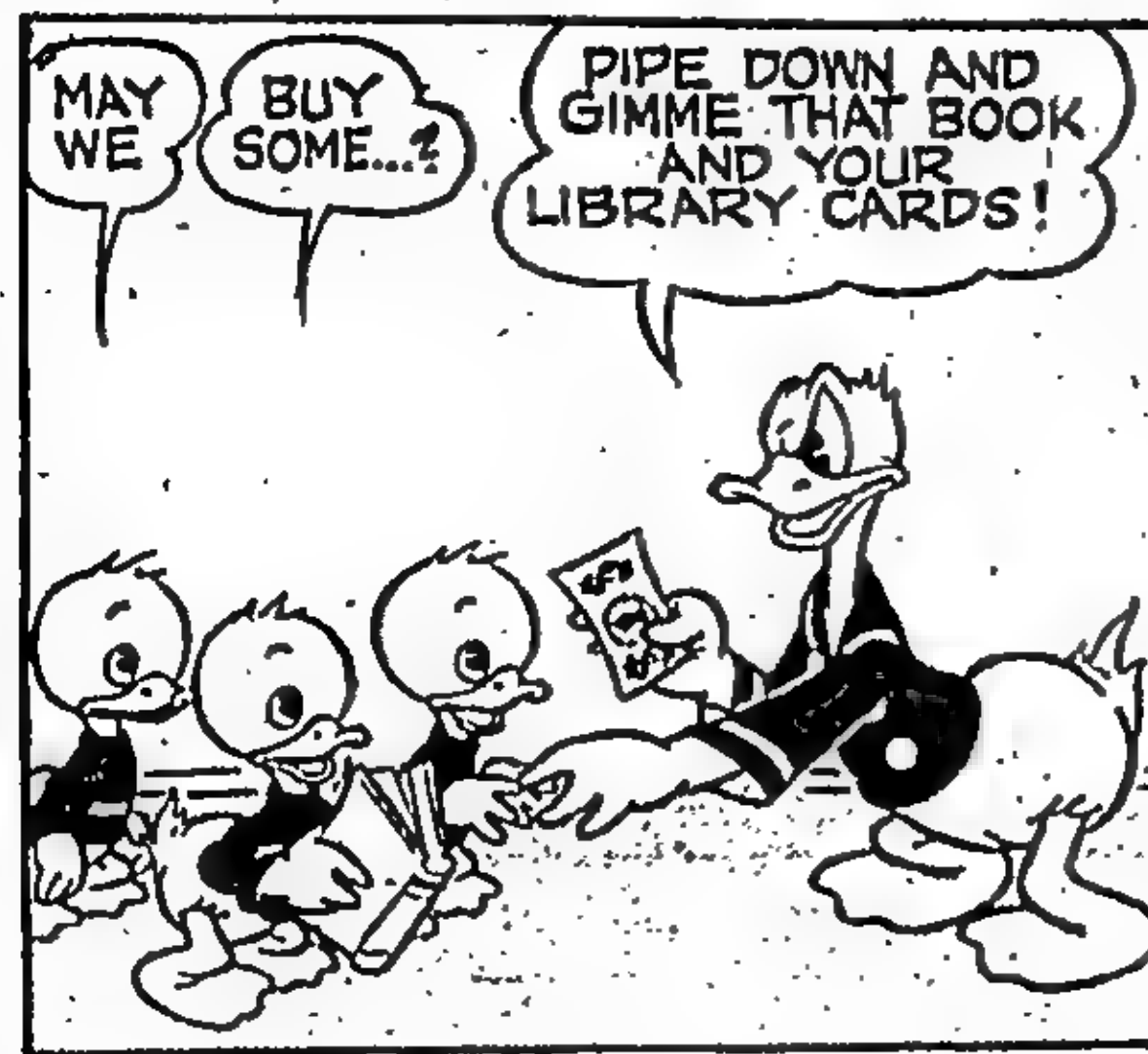
POST OFFICE

On Thursday, 17th instant, the General Post Office will be closed at 6 p.m.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulungsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

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Do You Know What GEN Is?

R.A.F. phrases have already passed into the language—e.g., Ho for a Heinkel; You for a Junkers; Mo for a Messerschmitt.

There are others, too. And strange stories in which they are used.

By Guy Ramsey

HALF-A-DOZEN lads, all in Air Force blue, sat about the table. They were all smoking. Only one of them was drinking—and he was indulging in one glass of sherry.

The group ranged in age from 28—a veteran, product of the Civil Air Guard, now just finishing his training—to 18. None of them had been commissioned. On only one breast—that of the veteran—glomed the silver wings of achievement. None of them had been engaged in operations against the enemy.

One of them—rashly—told an anecdote in which the teller figured to advantage. Instantly the five others broke into a chant:

"There was I . . . Thirty thousand feet up . . . Hanging on my straps . . . What did I do?"

That chorus, rhythmic and de-derive, has become ritual. It is hurled at anyone giving utterance to anything that may remotely be construed as swank or boasting.

Hearing them talk, quite apart from technicalities of aircraft, quite apart even from the rigmarole of initials which the Junior Service uses to fantastic lengths, one came upon totally strange words.

"Duff gen," for example, with the g in gen pronounced like a j. This phrase has a brother, pukka gen.

The Gens, Duff and Pukka, are rumours. The etymology of gen is uncertain; it is believed it is a contraction (the R.A.F. is mad on contractions) for genius.

Genius is gen. A man who has the very latest rumour is a gen for picking up news, so the news he picks up is gen. Duff gen is unreliable rumour; pukka gen—considerably rarer—is well-founded rumour.

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STRANGE stories these trainees have to tell.

The man with the wings, for example, was on a training flight and lost himself; an easy thing to do if you are not yet highly trained. He made a forced landing and immediately tried to discover where he was in order to report to his station.

In the gathering gloom he found a local yokel, and the following conversation ensued.

"Where is this?"

"The answer was an unrecognisable hamlet pronounced with a heavy Yorkshire accent.

"Ah. Thanks. Can you point it out on this map?"

"Nay. Can't read. I'm non scholar."

"Hm. Well, am I near Bradford?"

"Nay."

"Leeds?"

"Oh, nay."

"Sheffield?"

"Oh, nay."

"Hull?"

"Oh, nay."

"In desperation. How far from Hull?"

"Must be all of eight miles!"

As Timothy Shy would say, "Collapse of stout party, accustomed to thinking of hundreds of miles as a 'flap.'"

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THEN there was the story of the cadet who had no gift for map-reading. "Flew like an angel but couldn't find his way to London!" you showed him the Thames to follow. His friends said: "To point B. He evolved a method of his own. He got from point A to point B. He would just drop down at the nearest aerodrome, ask where the

was, and ascend again. As it is a rule that a pilot, dropping at an airfield, must report, and that report goes back to his station, he would 'drop swiftly, bawl his question, shout his thanks, and try to get away, before the officer to whom he should report could be summoned.

That worked quite well, but on one occasion he came down at an airfield, bawled out: "Where am I?" received the answer, "Quick-on-the-Uptake" (blame the Censorship for this place-name), yelled "thanks," and was away.

Ten minutes later he descended at what he thought was the next aerodrome on his route. Again he came down, screaming almost before his machine had taxied to a halt: "Where am I?"

He received the bitter answer "Still Quick-on-the-Uptake!"

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ANOTHER cadet had a fright one night. He had been flying single-seater fighters, and for the first time took up a bomber at night. He was "pushing his crate" along quite happily when, to his horror, he saw the riding light of another aeroplane just over to his right.

He flung the machine to the left, convinced he was going to collide. A shiver ran up his back: the other man had turned the same way.

Again he changed course, zooming. Still he could not shake off this unwelcome and unexpected neighbour.

It was not until several hair-raising moments later that he realised it was his own riding light—so far out on the huge machine that he, accustomed to the tiny fighters, was convinced it was another plane.

Finally, there was the story of the young trainee up on his first night solo flight in an unarmed machine. He was petrified with nerves. As he was cruising about, a plane lurched past him in the darkness, nearly brushing his wing-tip. It was only when it had passed he recognised it as an Me.110.

That is a story he does not tell often. Even though it was blind luck he was not shot down, he does not want to hear that chorus of hearty derision chanted at him.

POCKET CARTOON



Why People Swear

Speaking at Gloucester Assizes recently, Mr Justice Hawke said he thought people often used bad language because they had a paucity of vocabulary and wished to gain time to form their thoughts.

He was giving judgment in a libel action in which a man alleged that two other men had published a leaflet falsely accusing him of using bad language.

Mr Justice Hawke said the leaflet was justified and that the language said to have been used by the man making the claim for damages was highly objectionable.

Shipping Losses Only Three Percent

What Britain needs in 1941 is not large armies from overseas—it is weapons, ships and airplanes.

Sir Arthur Salter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping, made this statement in an interview with U.S. newspaper correspondents.

Despite the fact that since the Germans seized the French ports our shipping losses average 90,000 tons a week, we still have more than 97 per cent of the total seagoing tonnage under the British flag in 1939, he said.

Toasted Cheese by WILLIAM HICKEY

EARLY one recent morning the Cheshire Cheese, off Fleet St, was burned out.

It was burned out in the first Great Fire of London (1666). In the second Great Fire, on December 29 last, it escaped with a slight top-storey singeing . . . Bad luck to have come safely through bombing and then succumb to an ordinary fire (or, in a way, good luck, since insurance payment is probably fuller & prompter than Government compensation).

It may be some months before "the Cheese" can reopen. The damage is mostly on the ground floor. Most of the "relics," which Americans used to handle so reverently, are safe: the chair in which, no doubt, Dr Johnson was assured that Shakespeare had sat, the visitors' books.

The parrot, who had been sheltering here for months in the cellar, was rescued. He is a whistling rather than a swearing bird, his favourite tune being the familiar snatch from "The Police-

man's Holiday" ("Tum-titum-titum-titum. . . TUM TUM"). Upstairs, salvage men found one of the two cats, dead.

TO the summer tourists who used to crowd "the Cheese," journalists were among the local curiosities that made up its atmosphere. Journalists, feeling that it was their pub, were slightly relieved when winter came and they had elbow room to drink old ale (10d a half-pint, the strongest hereabouts) and eat a cut of an excellent joint (personally, I didn't care so much for Ye much-boosted Famous Pudding).

High-backed box pews about the tables, churchwarden pipes, sawdust-strewn floor, electric lighting that looked like gas—all were evidence of the careful archaism with which the "old" character of the place had been emphasised in recent years. So was the notice above the doorstep (even the furrow worn in it protected by iron bars): "Customers are requested to mind the step, which is part of the antiquity of the House and shows its use for centuries by frequenters."

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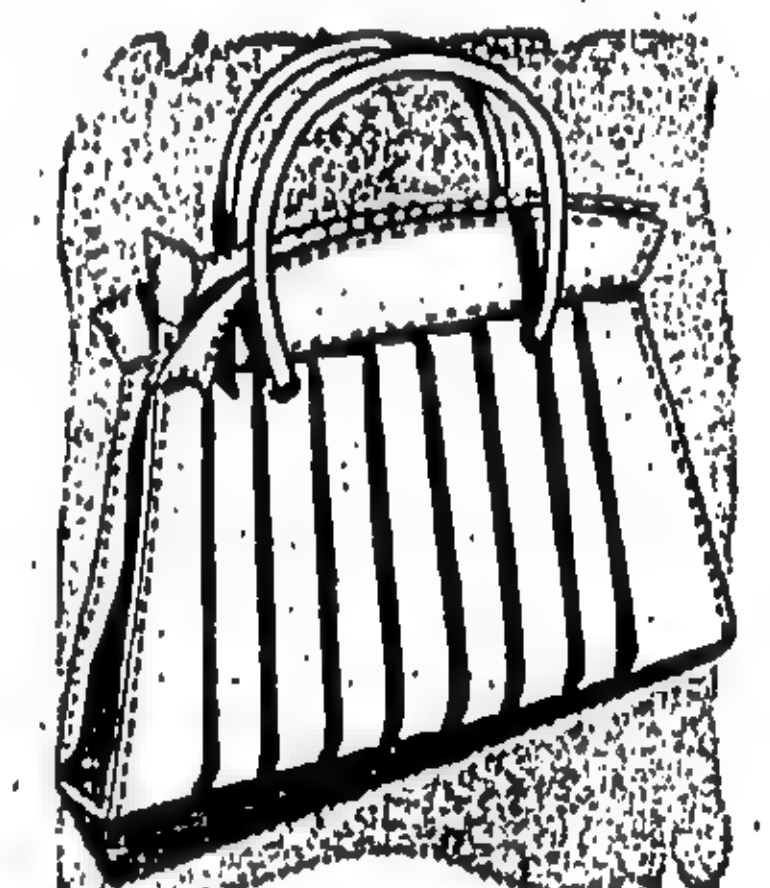
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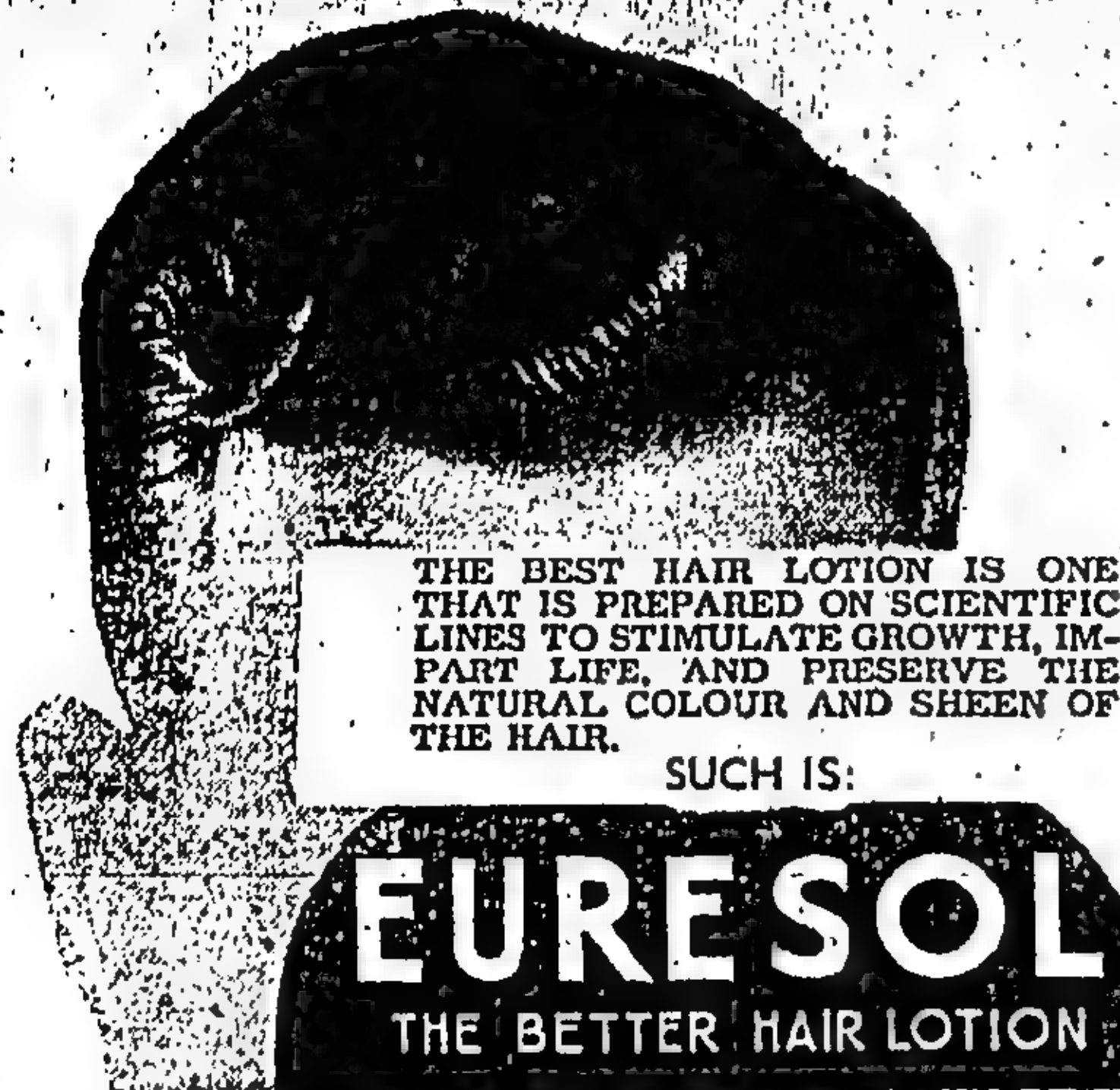


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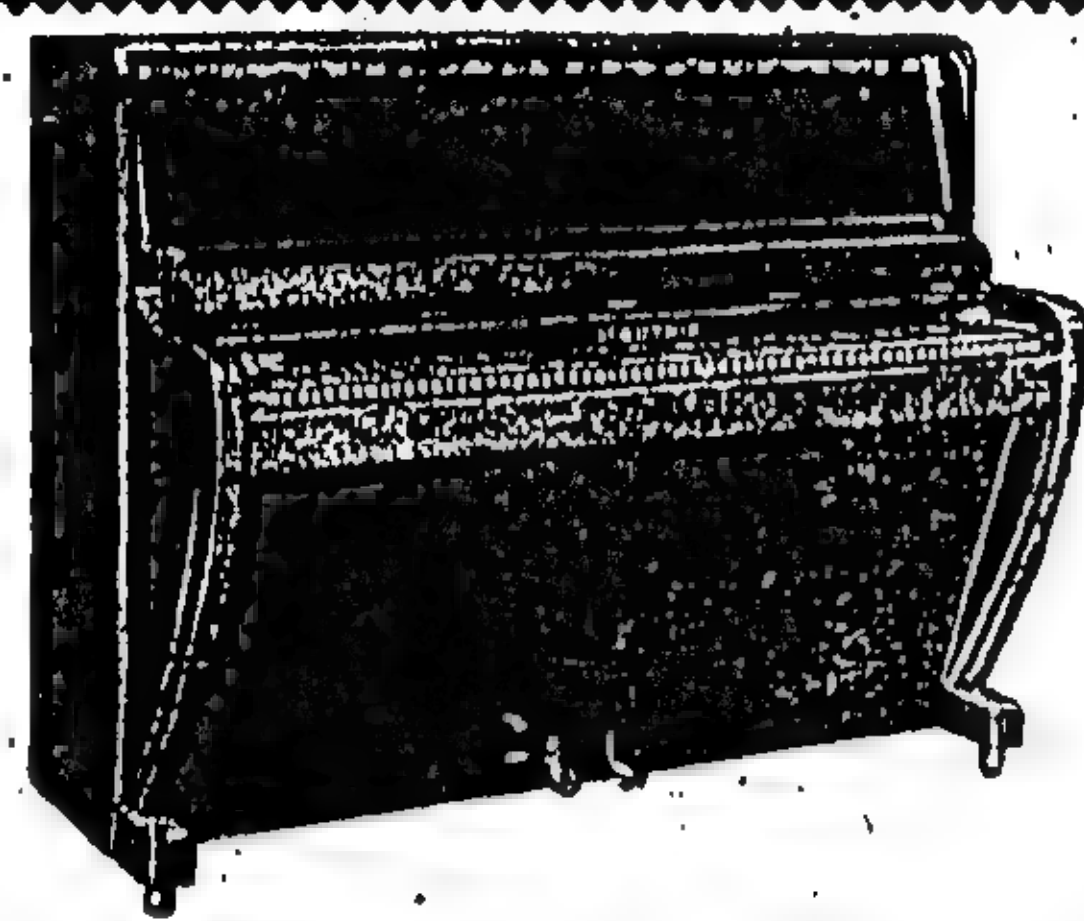
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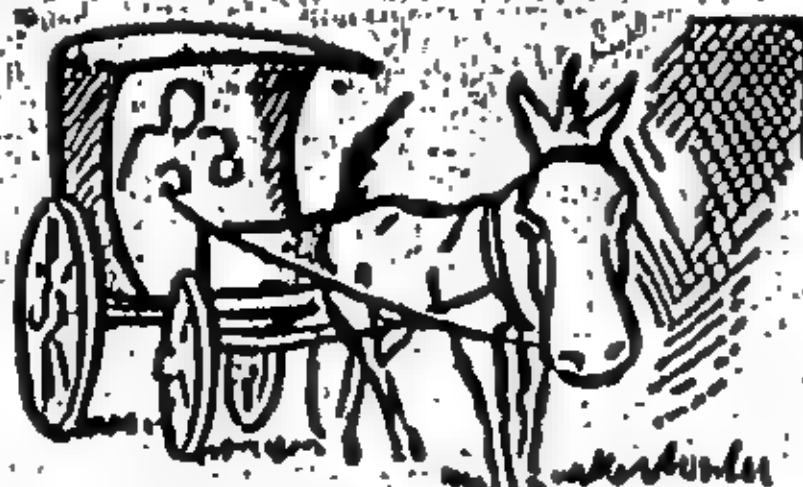
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SOVIET-JAPANESE TREATY

MR Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, returns from his pilgrimage to the Axis shrine in Europe and his homage-paying call on Joseph Stalin to show a paper promise as payment for his strenuous efforts. Japan and Russia have contracted to observe neutrality towards each other for five years no matter what war their countries may be engaged in; they will also respect each other's territory during that time.

A fairly accurate perspective of the treaty seems to be this: Tokyo had made such a point of being friends with the Kremlin at almost any price that a blank rejection of Mr Matsuoka's advances would have been official notice of a hostile attitude. In giving Mr Matsuoka his crumb, Stalin has lost nothing. Both parties to the agreement are fully aware that Axis diplomacy uses treaties only to suit its purpose; the Soviet-Japanese treaty is included in Axis machinations; if it suits either party to intervene contrary to the treaty, "realism" will undoubtedly prevail over written words, and pretexts to-day range from minorities to fishing rights. This is no more cynical than is the background of the treaty.

Japan's invasion of China has been frustrated largely by Russian support of the Kuomintang. This support, which in four years has brought Japan to the lowest standard of living in her history, and must have cost her over a million lives, is to be continued as vigorously as Moscow thinks fit. Thus Russia opposes the New Order in Asia, openly and effectively. To crown all, Japan's professed chief aim in Asia is to purge it of Communism and she was an original signatory to the anti-Comintern pact designed almost exclusively against Soviet Russia. The proud Japanese have been compelled to accept a humiliating position and to sue for terms at the behest of Hitler, who shocked Japanese foundations by his sudden treaty of non-aggression with Russia just before the outbreak of war.

It only requires a little calm thinking to assess the new treaty as one of opportunism on Russia's part and immorality on Tokyo's part. Prince Konoye probably was aware of the imminence of the treaty when he stated to the press that Japan did not intend to use force in her southward expansion. For what they are, worth the words, seem intended to forestall any anxiety that might have been caused by the democracies on publication of the treaty.

Mr Matsuoka may still have a few things in his little bag to show to his government. However, as far as this part of the world is concerned, the "war of nerves" has been a singular flop. Democratic defence conferences have not gone unnoticed in Tokyo and a continuation of the lull in the Far East is more likely than is any new adventure in the Imperial Way.

CZECHS' SILENT WAR

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA is the very heart of the Allied war against Hitler. It was the first victim of the policy of appeasement. It was the first prey thrown to the tiger.

It may prove to be the least digestible of his successful feasts.

Our enemies in the last war were defeated by the Czechs. The collapse of the Central Empires was due in part to the revolution wrought within that vast and formidable-looking facade of power and tyranny—even vaster and more formidable-looking than the conquered Empire now ruled by Hitler—by a few resolute men.

The story of the Czech revolt is one of the forgotten epics of 1914-1918. Two men led it—the tall, scholarly, mild and modest Thomas Garrigue Masaryk; the short, indefatigable and indomitable Edward Benes.

Benes Knew

I have been Benes for twenty years. I have seen him move statesmen at Geneva to admiration by his astonishing perspicacity.

He saw this war coming. He knew the danger of Hitlerism and calmly he prepared to face it.

When the Munich agreement was signed he knew what it meant. He bade his fellow-countrymen farewell in a moving and dignified broadcast and took again the long and hard road into exile which he and the dead Masaryk had taken a generation earlier. But he knew that one day he would return.

I have heard Benes describe the planning of the Czech revolution of the last war. I have heard him describe the planning of the present Czech resistance.

His Partner

His partner in this noble conspiracy is now the son of his earlier comrade, leader and fellow-revolutionary, Jan Masaryk, the Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Czechoslovak Government.

Jan Masaryk has the simplicity of his father, the self-taught peasant lad who became a professor at the University of Prague and first President of the Czechoslovak Republic.

He has also the energy, humour and robust commonsense of his American mother.

Once a week he talks to his Fascism. Behind the cloak and fellow-countrymen in the occupation territory. His rich, explosive, jesting voice brings them gangster thumping his nose and hope and consolation, shrewd scowling and making rude noises, anecdotes at the expense of "Not that Hitler is any less Goebbels, hard facts about cheap. Both Hitler and Mussolini's failure to defeat us at all have been doing a couple of sea or in the air, figures about Charlie Chaplins on the world of the British and the Greeks in the Mediterranean.

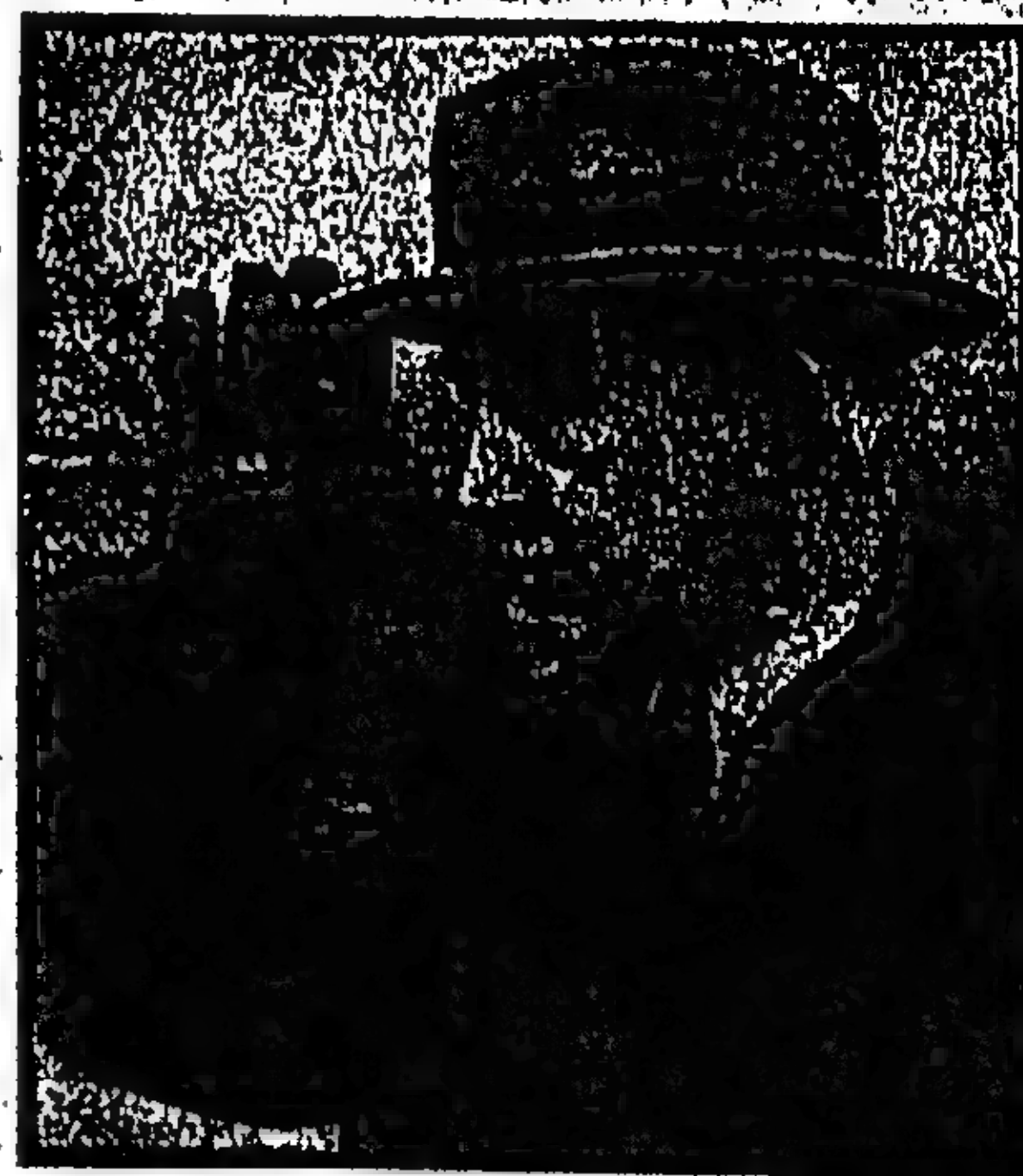
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But they are inactive. If open revolt is, as yet, too dangerous—Czech students in Prague in November, 1939, still serves them as a warning—they are not content with a mere passive resistance.

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"How could it be otherwise? The Czech, the Pole, the Belgian, the Norwegian, the Dutchman, the Frenchman cannot forgive and forget such injuries to his national independence, his private liberty, his property, land and cattle, down to the humblest of his possessions.

"It is to these scores of millions of people that we have to appeal.

"We know that our broadcasts night and day are reaching the mark because of the infuriating effect they have on the Germans, and the increasing amount of time and passion they devote to replying to them.

"Their technique is the usual Goebbels technique—insults, inventions, lies, absurdities. The latest story spread about me by the German radio is that I am a Jew and that I am not in London, but in Montevideo.

"But the Czechs know very well that I am here, and that Benes is here. They know that Britain will win the war, that Czech soldiers and airmen are fighting with her, that we are contributing as much as we can to Britain's war effort (among other things, we are manufacturing Bren guns over here), and that our young airmen have already died for Britain."

The Future

We talked of the future shape of Europe. Masaryk knows something of industrial conditions in England and in other countries, and he believes that without adopting any such foolish and futile slogans as must be made a reasonable and safe and comfortable place for the people who work in the mills and factories, on the land and in the mines.

"These are the people," he insisted, "who are winning the war for Britain and her Allies. These are the people who are beating Hitler. It is foolish to talk of frontiers, to discuss the political conditions of the countries now under Hitler's heel.

"The social structure of the world, the economic and political equilibrium of Europe, have and received such terrible shocks that it is impossible to predict what the future of Europe will be at the end of this war.

"For myself, I do not exclude the possibility of revolution, perhaps of half a dozen revolutions in Europe. They might take different forms—in France it might be a Jacobin rising, in other countries a social revolution.

"All I know is that when Hitler is defeated the people who have lived in the shadow of his tyranny must have the right to decide what kind of a state they want, what kind of a social and economic structure."

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The failure of the Germans to effect a breakthrough during the first days together with the continuous and effective reinforcement of the Allied lines of resistance, adds the bulletin, has confirmed the general conviction that a very strong front has been established, stretching from the Adriatic Sea to the Aegean Sea.

The positions occupied by the Allied forces are natural strongholds which do not at all lend themselves to the tactics of mechanised blitz warfare.

All reports concur that the situation may be considered as highly satisfactory.

"No major activity to report," adds the bulletin.

Serb Army Intact

The radio announcer quoted a Press Ministry statement that it would appear that the great bulk of the Yugo-Slav Army remains intact and has retired to the mountains where it is easy to maintain the defensive and from where it could constitute a permanent threat to the flanks of the invaders.

The situation in Northern Yugo-Slavia is obscure but it seems probable that the Yugo-Slav forces have retired from the wide plains of Croatia, Slovenia and Banat and are now moving southward to the highland regions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the approaching Serbs, where a strong defence can readily be maintained.

Enemy Communications

The situation in Southern Yugo-Slavia has materially improved during the last 48 hours. It is confirmed that the Yugo-Slav forces have attacked and dislocated German communications and have inflicted many casualties on the enemy.

The Germans, says the statement, are unable to use their mechanised and armoured units in this highland region.

Clash Inevitable

LONDON, APR. 14 (REUTER).—"General Simovitch may organise resistance in the centre of Yugo-Slavia to gain time," declares the "Glasnik" daily to-day. "In any case, the withdrawal of British troops from the Balkan Peninsula seems out of the question. We must, therefore, expect an encounter between the Axis forces and the British Imperial Army and more so since that seems to have been the aim of Mr. Eden's recent visit to the Near East and since Mr. Churchill referred to it as one means of shortening the war."

Referring to President Roosevelt's decision to send American ships through the Red Sea, the paper says that the Axis will deal with American convoys according to international law.

Take Up New Positions

LONDON, APR. 14 (REUTER).—The War Office announces that British forces in Greece withdrew during Saturday night to new positions. Covering troops inflicted severe casualties on the enemy.

Koritz Re-occupied

LONDON, APR. 14 (REUTER).—Troops of the Italian Ninth Army are officially reported to have re-occupied Koritz, according to Rome radio.

Counter-Attacking

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, APR. 14 (UP).—Military quarters asserted the Germans have re-occupied Kragujevac but that the Yugo-Slav troops are still counter-attacking north of Nish.

Local Resistance

BERLIN, APR. 14 (UP).—The official news agency states the Serbs are continuing "only local resistance at isolated spots," which the Germans are mopping up very quickly. There is still no confirmation or denial of the Rome and London despatches that the Germans had contacted British troops in Greece. Eye witnesses report that there has been almost uninterrupted rainfall in Greece since the second day of hostilities.

Incident In Balkan War

R.A.F. Pilot's Escape

LONDON, APR. 14 (REUTER).—Chased by the Germans after making a forced landing in No Man's Land between the Nazi and Allied lines in Greece, an R.A.F. Hurricane pilot sprinted three miles over rough ground before being rescued by an Australian patrol.

After an exchange of shots, the Germans withdrew. This escape, the first recorded from the new Balkan war front, was told by the Air Ministry news service to-day. Returning to his squadron, the pilot said that he was just about dead beat at the time he was picked up. "To an Intelligence Officer," he is reported to have said, "I've had been ground strafing the German motorised columns and had done the damage of a lot of damage. Five from the ground was pretty intense and a lucky shot stopped my engine."

British Bombers & Fighters In Action

LONDON, APR. 14 (REUTER).—The R.A.F. continued on Sunday to harass German troops hammering at the gateways to Egypt and Greece.

Both bombers and fighters were employed in dispersing enemy concentrations in various areas in Cilicia. Successful bombing and machine-gunning attacks were also made on enemy motor transport convoys astride the German road communications between Maus and Solum.

Bombers carried out a large number of sorties against enemy columns on the roads in the theatres of operations in Greece and, according to an R.A.F. communiqué, "direct hits were obtained on these columns by most of our aircraft."

In Albania

Fighters intercepted, a number of enemy bombers, escorted by fighters, in the Koritz area. One Fiat monoplane fighter was destroyed and a number of others were damaged.

A Messerschmitt twin-engine fighter was shot down west of Mount Olympus by an R.A.F. fighter.

On Sunday night, long-range R.A.F. bombers winged their way to the Central Mediterranean and bombed the harbour of Tripoli, the base for German reinforcements to the African war front. Shipping was straddled and one large vessel was seen to be burning fiercely.

A power station and Customs house were also attacked.

South Africans

South African Air Force planes cleaning up the last vest of enemy aircraft in Italian East Africa made another successful raid on Kombolch aerodrome in Abyssinia. Two enemy bombers were burnt out and several other fighters and bombers were damaged. Explosions were caused.

A number of bombs were dropped on Malta in a combined fighter-bomber raid on Saturday night but caused no serious damage.

One Messerschmitt and one R.A.F. fighter were shot down but the British pilot is safe.

Seizure Of Axis Ships

WASHINGTON, APR. 14 (REUTER).—Italy delivered a new note to-day to the United States Government protesting against the seizure of Italian ships.

Details of the note are not published but an Italian official said that it further explained the Italian viewpoint regarding the seizure of the ships.

Pearl River Movements

SHUUKWAN, APR. 14 (International).—Japanese naval activity on the Pearl River, which is closed to shipping of third Powers, is likely to conclude to-day. At present Japanese transports are steaming up and down the river in the periodical reshuffle of troops.

It is reported that several thousand troops reached Canton over the weekend and to cope with a Chinese counter-offensive announced by General Yu Han-mou last Monday in a weekly memorial speech here.

Restrictions On Chinese Refused By French

KUNMING, APR. 14 (International).—A Hanoi report stated that the Japanese have pressed the authorities in Indo-China to restrict the departure of Chinese residents from the French colony. This demand is said to have been rejected by the French.

Berlin Disappointed In Moscow-Tokyo Pact

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, APR. 14 (UP).—The morning newspapers cautiously commented on the Russo-Japanese pact and expressed a conflict of opinions regarding its significance. However, it is generally believed that it is a disappointment to Berlin.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Times" discussed the points not specified in the published text and concluded that the Soviets appear to have gained the better part of the bargain. "The complete text shows how far it falls short of the German hopes and pretensions of last autumn," he wrote. "Before Mr. Molotov went to Berlin last November, the Germans were openly declaring that the Soviet Union was about to become a partner in the three-power pact or, at any rate, would subscribe to the new world order."

EASTER IN ENGLAND

Bank Holiday Is Enjoyed

LONDON, APR. 14 (REUTER).—Although there was no let-up in war production anywhere and armaments factories belched forth smoke as usual, those workers and servicemen-off duty celebrated Easter Bank holiday in something approaching peacetime style to-day.

London's West End was crowded from an early hour with holiday-makers, many from provincial centres, and theatres and cinemas did tremendous business. By 11 a.m. it was impossible to secure a seat in the principal cinemas except a handful at top prices, and queues formed outside awaiting the later performances.

Allied Soldiers

A feature of the day was the large number of Allied soldiers and airmen in the uniforms of Poland, Free France, Czechoslovakia, etc., on leave from their posts in the defence areas and seeing the sights of London with British girl friends, many of whom were also in uniform.

At Nottingham, the Easter race meeting attracted a record crowd and hundreds had to be turned away, missing the victory in the Southern Plate, of Selim Hassan, a colt now fancied as the Derby winner, and trained by the Duchess of Norfolk, the young wife of Britain's senior Duke.

MALTESE ENDURE Many Bombs Dropped

MALTA, APR. 14 (REUTER).—A large number of German aircraft dropped many bombs when flying over Malta in waves during Sunday night.

In one area a few civilian houses were demolished but there were no casualties. In other areas, there was slight damage.

An enemy offensive reconnaissance was made to-day but no bombs were dropped.

New Vichy Envoy For Free China

CHUNGKING, APR. 14 (International).—The National Government has informed the Vichy Government that the appointment of Count Robien as French ambassador to China is approved. The count is to succeed M. Henri Coe.

The new ambassador served in a similar capacity in Argentina and is now attached to the Foreign Office in Vichy. Another French diplomat of a similar name was attached to the Tokyo Indo-Japanese parley.

Fatshan Sailing Next Saturday

Information has been received from their Canton agents by Messrs Butterfield and Swire, agents for the river steamer Fatshan that the river will be re-opened to traffic to-day. The Fatshan will now be leaving Hongkong for Canton on Saturday, and also Saturday, April 20.

New Pact Explained By Hull

WASHINGTON, APR. 14 (REUTER).—"The significance of the pact between the Soviet Union and Japan relating to neutrality as reported in the press to-day could be over-estimated," declared the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, in a formal statement.

"The agreement would seem to be descriptive of the situation which has in effect existed between the two countries for some time past. It, therefore, comes as no surprise although there has existed a doubt whether the two governments would or would not agree to say it in writing."

"The policy of this Government, of course, remains unchanged."

Mr. Hull departed from his usual practice at a press conference by issuing a formal statement on this matter.

Chungking Statement

CHUNGKING, APR. 14 (Central News).—Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, issued to-day the following statement:

"The U.S.S.R. and Japan issued a joint declaration wherein Japan undertook to respect the territorial integrity and inviolability of the so-called 'People's Republic of Mongolia' and the Soviet Union undertook to respect the territorial integrity and inviolability of the so-called 'Empire of Manchukuo.'"

"It is an indisputable fact that the four Northeastern Provinces and Outer Mongolia are an integral part of the Republic of China and always remained Chinese territory."

"The Chinese Government and people cannot recognise any engagement entered into by third Parties which are derogatory to China's territorial and administrative integrity and wish to state that the Soviet-Japanese declaration just announced has no binding force whatsoever upon China."

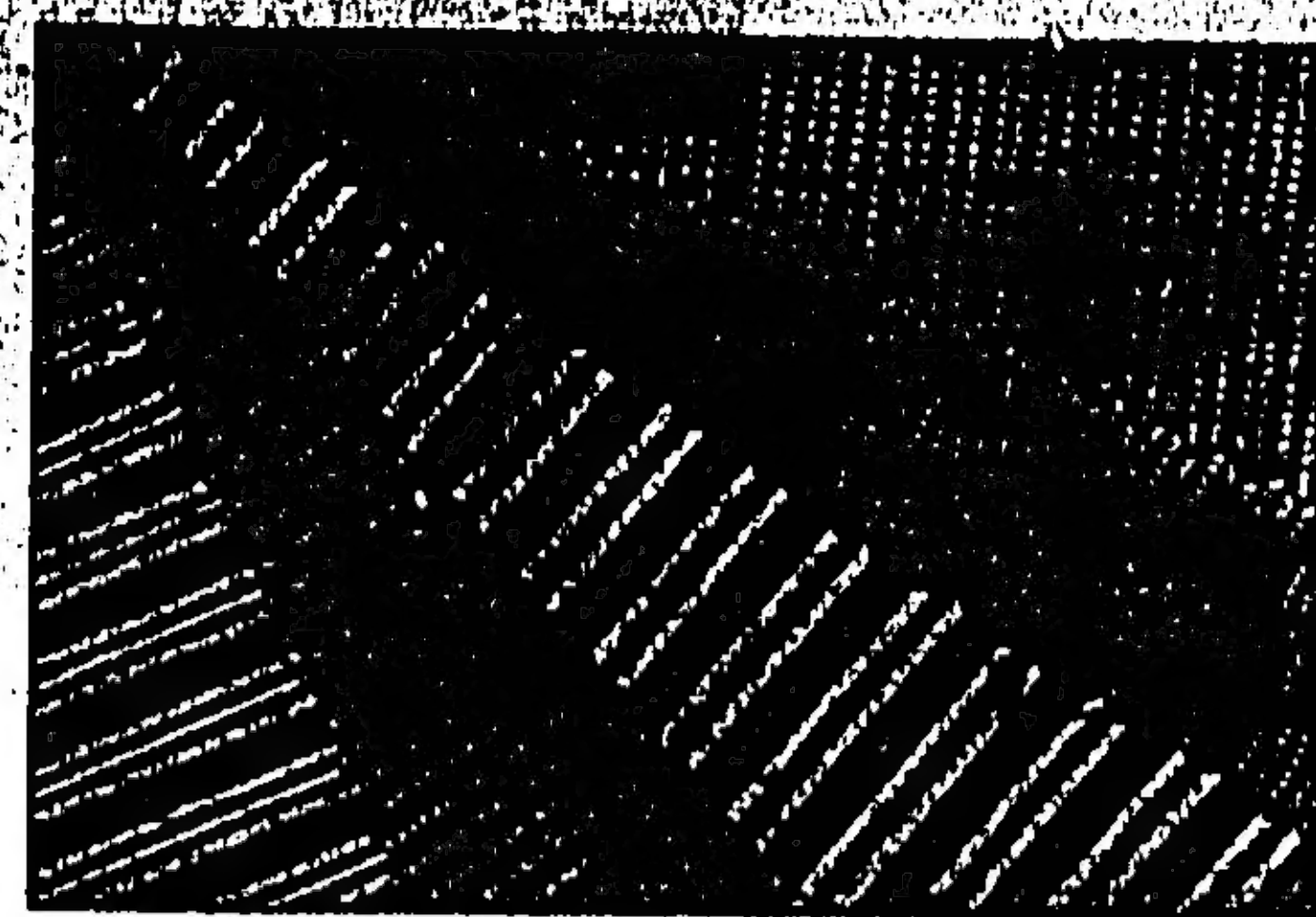
Query To Moscow

CHUNGKING, APR. 15 (REUTER).—News of the Soviet-Japanese Pact did not come as a surprise here since the Chinese firmly believed that the main object of Mr. Matsukata's trip to Europe was the conclusion of an agreement with Moscow.

Questions uppermost in all minds here is whether the Pact will affect Russian assistance to China in her war against Japan. Clarification on this point and future Soviet action in this connection are anxiously awaited.

The opinion is generally expressed that the Soviet has concluded the pact mainly for the purpose of ensuring the security of her eastern frontiers to devote full attention to the European war which is spreading rapidly to her doorstep.

It is also declared here that any conflict between the United States and Japan would be to the advantage of Russia. After a conference of Government leaders, a telegram was despatched to Moscow asking for definite elucidation on certain points in connection with the Pact. The Chinese Government wishes to know definitely what is the Soviet policy towards China as the result of the agreement with Japan.



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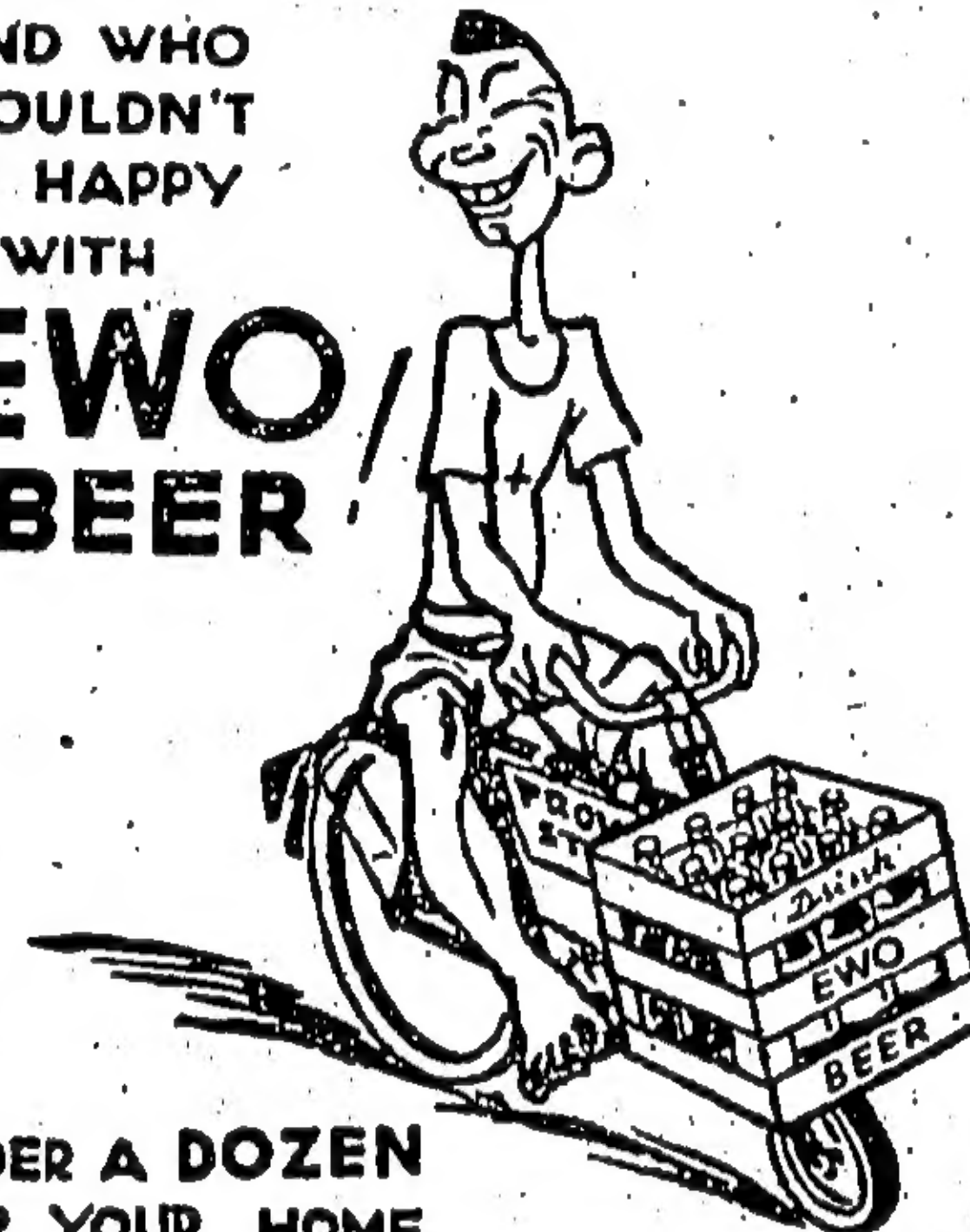
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Congratulations To Kowloon C.C.

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Civil Service C.C. Averages

Hearty congratulations to the K.C.C. second eleven in winning the Second Division Shield! As their first eleven have already achieved a similar success in the First Division the Club can congratulate itself on having brought off the double. This is of course no record.

It has been done several times before and I think quite a lot depends on the amount of dynamic interest in cricket which exists in any particular Club during a Season.

Of course you have to have the players as well! But a great deal does depend upon a keen spirit in all. K.C.C. has always been fortunate in that way and there is perhaps a reason for it. If I mistake not, to all its members it represents the centre of their social life. Not only are the cricketers, bowlers and tennis players catered for during the daylight but there always seems to be some entertainment coming off in the evening. Dances and Amateur productions of plays seem frequent! And so the Club is held together. This of course applies to Craigen-gower and they have had their great days in the cricket line.

A Close Thing

The account of the final match has been written by another hand, but I have made a few enquiries and venture a few general comments. I must say with all K.C.C.'s big guns I expected them to win easily and I fancy there was a certain amount of nervousness all round in the batting! I am told however that the two Omars bowled splendidly. Craigen-gower second have had an excellent season and it is encouraging for the Club for the first time have had a sorry time though there is plenty of cricket in it.

An Amazing Game

It must be very seldom, I imagine, for a side, which bats first and does not have a single double figure in their score—not even extras!—to win the game. Yet this happened at the Valley on Saturday last when the Civil Service beat the Police by two runs.

Their win was the more meritorious in that they lacked the services of Alnall, so often their stand-by, while the Police appeared to have all their stars in evidence for them. It was a pretty foul day with a gusty wind and a leaden sky though the temperature had risen considerably. H. E. Strange went in

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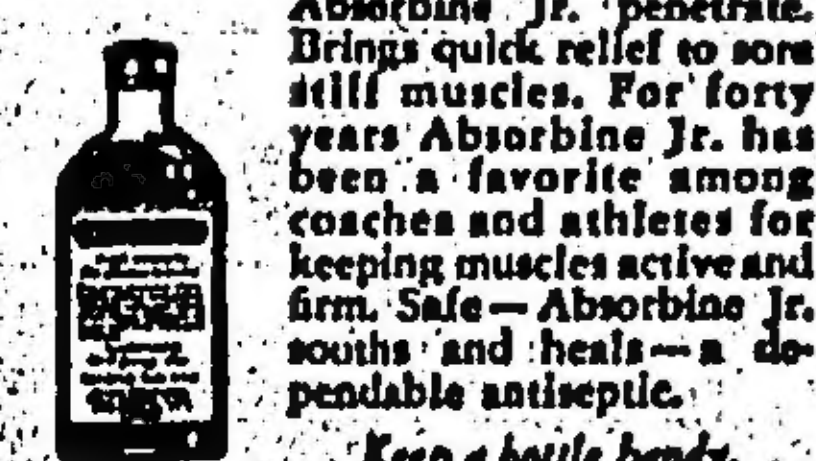
Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 26th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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Joe Louis To Defend Against Buddy Baer

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (UP).—It is announced that a title bout between Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, and Buddy Baer has been tentatively scheduled for May 23.

To-day's Tennis

Only one match in the Colony Tennis Championships will be played today. This will be on the Stand Court.

Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v. E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung.

first and made eight. It was the top score for Civil Service who were all out for 43, with Carey taking 4 for 19 and Pope 5 for 19 runs.

It looked easy money but Bond and MacGowan rose to the occasion and dismissed their opponents for 41 runs. Bond had 6 for 29 and MacGowan 4 for eleven.

A Curious Position

I am not prepared to say that either team are as good as the University who tied last with the Police. The Police have lost five matches, the Civil Service three—and may well lose another if as I hear they intend, they complete their programme. The University have completed theirs with three losses and three draws. The explanation is that the 3 points for a win does it! There is probably more correct batting in the Varsity side than in several second division teams but they have yet to learn the attacking game. No doubt those who run the cricket at the University realize this.

It is a statement which applied more or less to the first eleven until this year which has seen such a renaissance—if I may so turn it—of Varsity cricket.

Civil Service Averages

I have just seen the figures for the Civil Service first eleven and find them a little difficult to reconcile with the rather poor season. In all games, they have won 3 out of 15, lost 5 and drawn 7, in all. Yet the batting figures are not so bad. Dickey Richardson is first as usual with 33, Attwell second with 22, and then come Perry 21, Baker 16, and Griffiths 14. Fortescue, Colgate and McEllan were all out of form for most of the season. Griffiths made a welcome re-appearance as a fairly regular member of the side and seemed to be working back to his true form. It is a curious fact that Richardson, Perry and Griffiths were far more successful when playing for the H.K.C.C. than for the Civil Service.

What Was Wrong

The trouble was that though there was a lot of good bowling it did not get wickets regularly enough. The Civil Service only averaged 10 per wicket while their opponents averaged 24!

Baker (28 wickets for 10 apiece) was well ahead and was always dangerous. Unfortunately owing to an injury he was not always available. Perry did a tremendous lot and took 29 wickets for 17 apiece but he had the worst of luck, and I think suffered a little from overbowling. I imagine there are few players in the Colony who have played in more matches than Arthur Perry this season. Whitley (13 for 18 apiece) did not come on as had been hoped and McEllan did not play the full season taking 14 for 15 apiece. But there are lots of cricket in the side, and given fine weather next season things should improve.



J. W. Leonard (Craigen-gower) batting to W. C. Hung (K.C.C.) in the deciding Junior League cricket match at the K.C.C. on Saturday. H. Brokenshire is keeping wicket.

—Ming Yuen.

S. CHINA UNABLE TO HOLD REST

R. K. Collings Wins Kowloon Golf Title

R. K. COLLINGS won the Kowloon Golf Club senior title on Saturday last, when he beat T. B. Low 5 and 4 over 36 holes. Collings turned 2 up after the first 18.

Junior Championship
H. J. Grose beat A. J. Butfield 7 and 6 in the 36 holes final for the Junior Championship of the same Club on Sunday.

Macao Students On Hockey Visit to H.K.

MACAO, Apr. 14.—A large party of students of the Macao Lyceum are leaving for Hongkong on Tuesday morning, Apr. 15, and in return for the visit of the Hongkong University eleven on Dec. 17 last, the Lyceum will meet the University for a match on the Pokfulam ground at 3 p.m. Arrangements are being made for the Lyceum hockey team to engage Club de Recreio's 2nd eleven on Wednesday. Our Own Correspondent.

Softball

Wildcats Beat Rest in Charity Match

CHARITY'S double-feature softball programme at the Kowloon F.C. yesterday attracted a large number of fans, and Madame Chiang Kai-shek's National Association for the Relief of War Orphans benefited by quite an amount.

The two tilts of the day resulted as many anticipated, for the Wildcats, girls' champions, beat the Rest 9-5, and St. Joseph's, men's champions, trounced the Mohawks 7-1.

Wildcats took the lead in the third frame at 3-2 and clinched the issue with two runs in each of the succeeding three innings. The Rest managed two runs in the final frame, but it was a dying effort.

Hefty Hitting
Saints and the Mohawks clashed in a nine innings game. Mohawks scored first when they crossed once in the fourth inning, but the Saints came back with a vengeance in the fifth canto and clouted in four! Mohawks' lone tally was their only one for the day, and Saints piled on the agony with a further three runs in the last inning.

Frank Gonzalez pitched a great game. He held the Mohawks to five hits and only one run. Saints belted ten safeties.

Easter Soccer At Home

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—The following were the results of football matches played in Great Britain:

LONDON CUP
Brentford 3, Queens Pk. 2; Crystal Palace 1, Aldershot 0; Tottenham 2, Reading 2.
LEAGUE, SOUTH
Brighton 0, Southampton 3; Norwich 4, Luton 1; Portsmouth 1, Southampton 2.
REGIONAL, SOUTH
Chelsea 3, Arsenal 1; Westham 2, Watford 0; Millwall 0, Fulham 0; Northampton 1, Stoke 0.
REGIONAL, NORTH
Barnsley 1, York 1; Bolton 0, Burnley 2; Everton 3, Blackpool 2; Halifax 2, Blackburn 2; Leeds U. 2, Burn 2; Manchester City 1, Manchester U. 7; Rochdale 0, Oldham 0; Rotherham 3, Huddersfield 1; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Southport 2; Liverpool 0, Stockport 3; Bradford City 2, Preston 3; Chester 0.

SCOTLAND, MATCHES
Manfield 5, Bradford 1; Chesterfield 2, North 0; Leicester 1, Lincoln 1; Newcastle 2, Sunderland 4; Wrexham 2, Stoke 2; Doncaster 1, Lincoln 2.

Nippy Forwards Subdued By Staunch Defence

(By "SCRAMBLER")

AGAINST A STUBBORN defence that gave nothing away, South China, the present season's Senior League Champions lost yesterday at Caroline Hill to a Rest of the League team by three goals to nil, although at one period they were all over their opponents.

Bankier in the Rest goal again came out with a sparkling display of goalkeeping, saving shots from all directions with the precision of a clock.

There were thrills to be had when both citadels were subjected to raids in turn, but the more rugged defence of the Rest were better able to stay the pace, and thanks to thier rearguards ably led by Hsu King-sing, South China had to succumb to a team that on the whole though not so polished were nevertheless able to obtain goals.

Bankier had much more to do than Tam Kwan-hon, and by his brilliant display, was able to retard South China's aspiration of beating the Rest of the League. Ably supported by Blackburn and Fraser, these backs covered up well, and by their anticipation had South China's attack subdued.

Hsu King-sing was a veritable tower of strength in the pivotal position, always having the better of the argument over the crafty South China's inside trio, with the result that Lee Wal-tong was not allowed to become really dangerous. Maxwell and Thomas were both good, often breaking up the opponents' attacks before they had time to settle down.

The attacking quintette all came up well, but Bankier was unable to adapt himself to the play, very often spoiling a good movement. Hendy by his opportunism scored two good goals, and often troubled South China's defence. The wingers, Fowler and Hau Ching-tau were always threatening, and both sent across their quota of centres, while Ferrier went about his work unobtrusively.

South China Off

At one period of the game, South China were run off their feet, being left in a quandary by the fast moving tactics of their opponents' attack. Their forwards were the prettier to watch in action, but were invariably robbed or stopped before they could really become effective.

Lee Wal-tong was unable to do much, being too closely guarded by the watchful Hsu King-sing, aided by steady backs. Chow Man-chi and Lee Tak-kee, too, were also closely guarded, and between the two of them, Bankier had a lot to perform in stopping their first time pots at goal. Lee Shok-yau was the better of the two wingers as Lee Kwok-wai after being transferred from the back division did not come out well.

As usual, South China's rearguard started off well, but were unable to stem the tide of the attack directed against them, and Lam Tak-po had his hands full in watching the thrustful Hendy. The Lau brothers did not function so well either, being often left standing by the speed of the opposing wingers.

Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung started off very promisingly, but fell off as the game progressed, and towards the end of the game, even the backs went up to the attack. Tam Kwan-hon saved several shots, but was prone to be shaky under pressure.

Immediate Attack

The game started off very promisingly for the Rest, for they went into the attack immediately, and after

Baseball

First Match Of Major Leagues

Yankees Beat Senators

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (UP).—First match of the Major Baseball Leagues was played to-day when the New York Yankees opened the 1941 schedule with a win over the Washington Senators 3-0.

President Roosevelt for the eighth time tossed the first ball to open the season in ideal weather.

The Yankees commenced scoring in the opening inning. DiMaggio clouted a triple and scored Hendrix. Then in the fifth frame, Dickey and Russo both doubled, and Dickey crossed the plate. The final run was registered in the sixth inning when DiMaggio doubled and on Keller's fly, Hendrix scored.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
New York	3	6	1
Battery: Russo, Dickey.			
Washington	0	3	1
Battery: Leonard, Chase, Ferrell, Arnovitch.			

Hau Ching-tau was given a few through passes, his first time centre was cleverly headed into the net by Hendy. Play was centred in the Chinese area for some time, and Bankier whenever called upon to perform, did not let his team down.

After the changeover, South China had more of the play, but the brilliant efforts of the Rest's last line of defence saved the day. Bankier was called upon on numerous occasions to save his charge from shots taken by Chow Man-chi, Lee Wal-tong and Lee Tak-kee, and invariably was not found wanting. From a breakaway, Hendy centred across for Hau Ching-tau to score with a snap shot.

With play being swung about, South China put everything into the attack, and from a breakaway, Hendy beat Tam Kwan-hon as the Chinese keeper hesitated to come out for the ball. After the game, the prizes for the various leagues were distributed by Mrs. Lo, wife of the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, vice president of the Hongkong Football Association.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-nung; Leo Kwok-wai, Lee Tak-kee, Lee Wal-tong, Chow Man-chi, Lee Shok-yau.

REST: Bankier, Blackburn, Fraser, Maxwell, Hsu King-sing, Thomas, Fowler, Farrier, Hendy, Barber, Hau Ching-tau.



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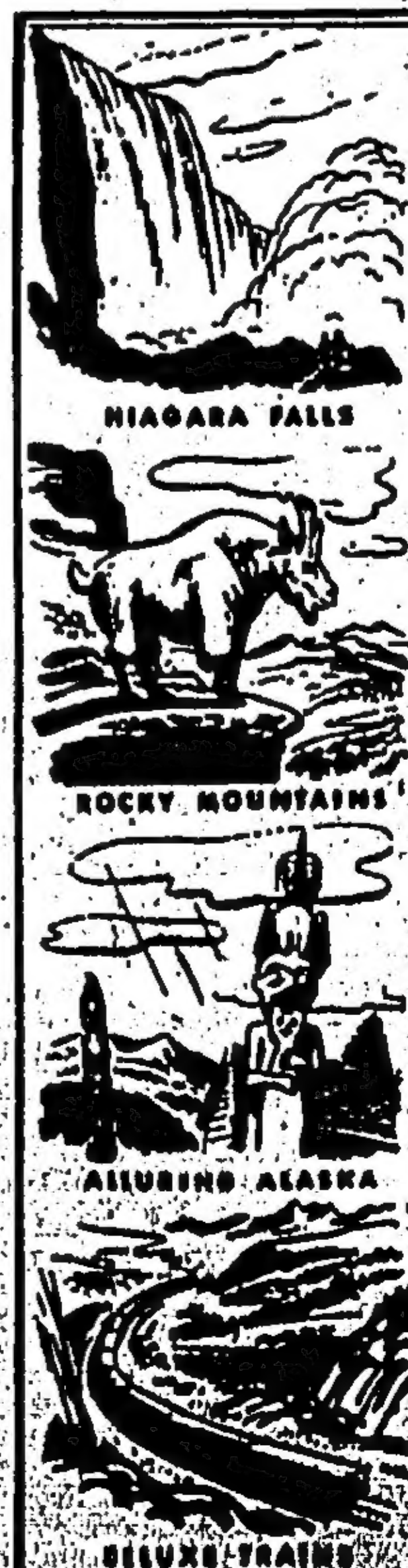


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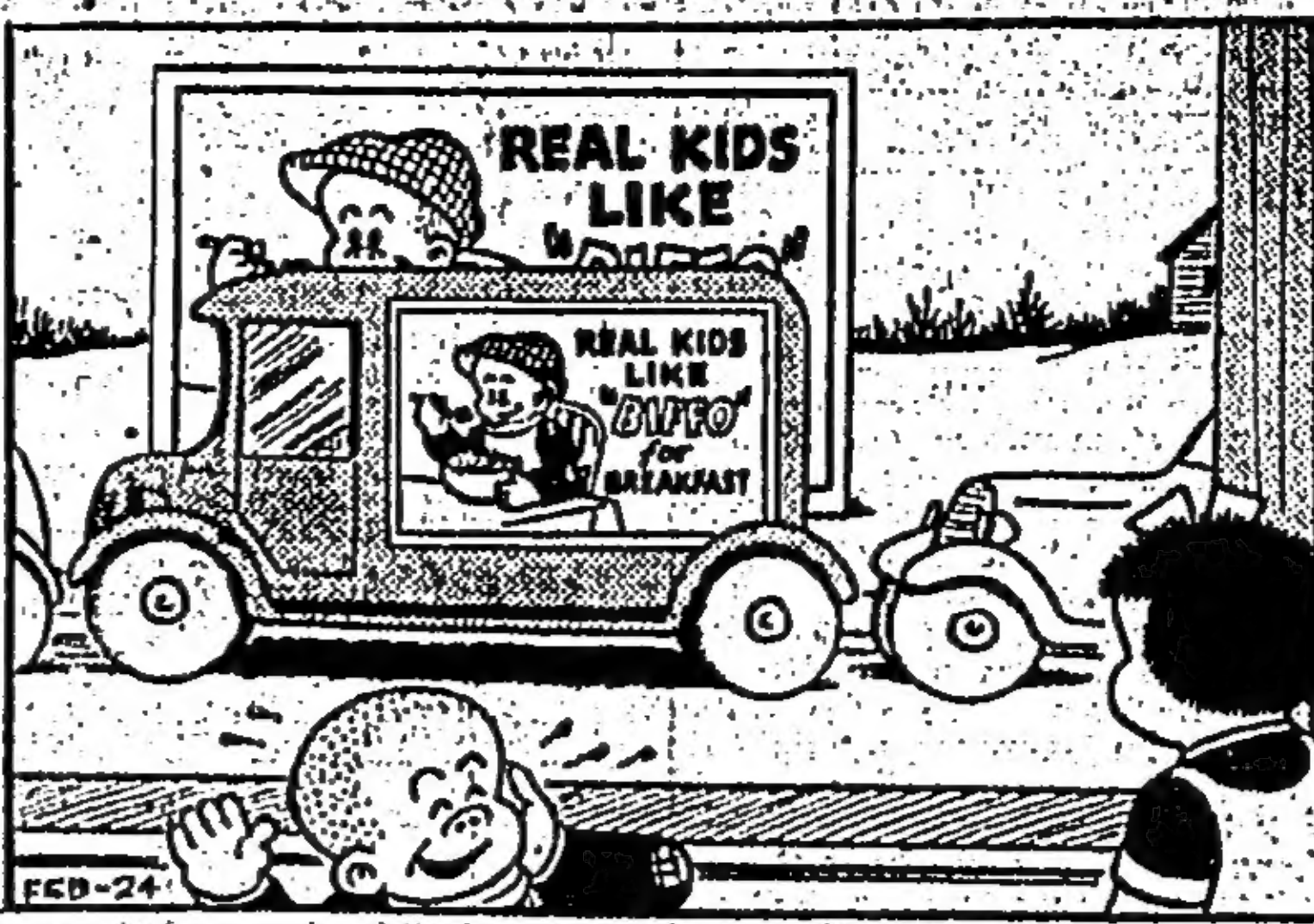
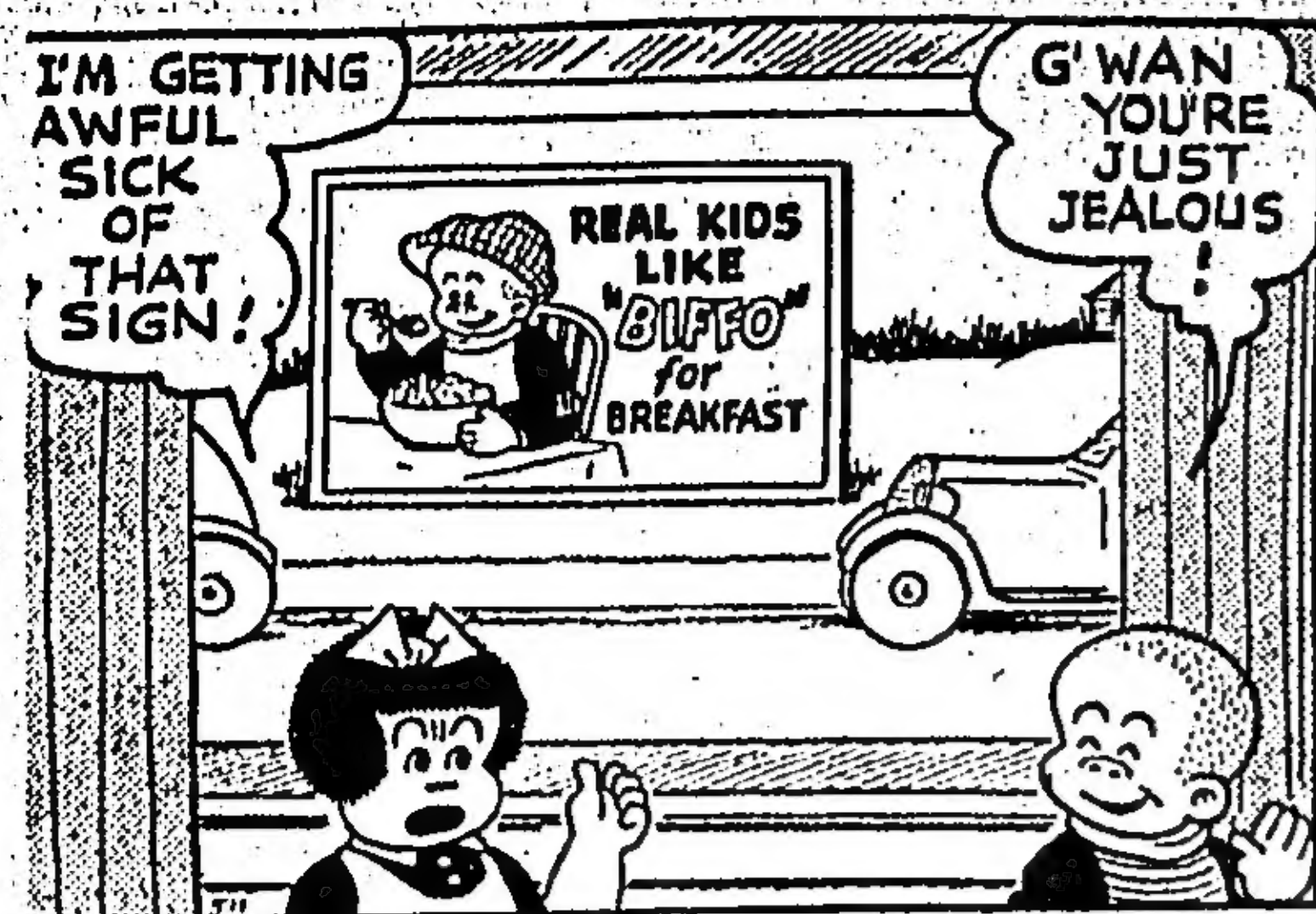
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By Ernie Bushmiller

American Planes For Far East Air Defence

ALTHOUGH BRITAIN'S NEED FOR AIRCRAFT IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE OF WAR IS SAID TO BE AS ACUTE AS EVER, BRITISH AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN SENDING A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF AMERICAN-MADE BOMBERS AND PURSUIT SHIPS TO SINGAPORE DURING THE PAST SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS, WRITES JOSEPH G. HARRISON, IN THE "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR."

Information as to size of these shipments varies, but it is known that past and potential shipments amount to several hundred of the fast fighting craft.

Thus, within the past six weeks Britain is known to have shipped approximately 190 Brewster "Buffalo" pursuit planes to the Far East from the United States. Aviation experts in Washington contend that these ships, which have seen service in their air war over Europe, are more than a match for any ship that Japan can put in the air against them.

There is also good reason to believe that some of the powerful long-range "flying boat" bombers, built by the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation and known as PB1Ys, and PB2Ys, are being flown or shipped from the west coast to British airfields in the Far East.

The same is true of the Lockheed "Hudson" bomber, a large number of which are now in use in Great Britain. The British, who have found this land-plane bomber to be quite satisfactory, placed orders for it as long ago as 1939 and consequently deliveries of it are said to be of sufficient quantity to permit diversion of deliveries to British forces in the Far East.

Flight Range of Planes

Whereas, the PB1Ys could easily fly from California to Singapore by way of American and British Pacific possessions, it is doubted here if the Lockheeds, which have a cruising range of approximately 2,000 miles, could do the same, since some of the hops, particularly that between the United States and Hawaii, would be a long pull for such a plane, even though extra gas tanks were placed in empty bomb racks.

Hot Summer This Year

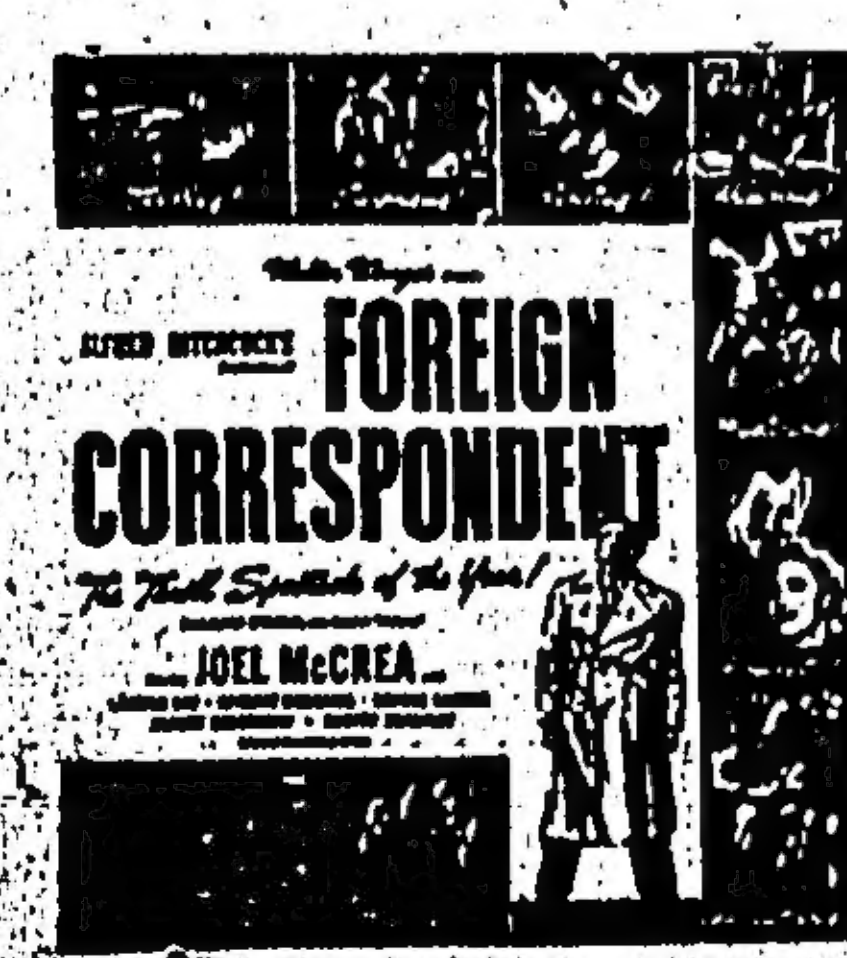
Caused By Sun Spots

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, April 14 (UP).—Dr Albert J. Newlin, director of the Ricard Memorial observatory, made a long forecast recently predicting "unusually wet weather" during the next few years with a hot summer in 1941 caused by a heavy sun spot cycle.

Dr Newlin said sun spots reached their maximum in 1939, but have not declined at the usual rate and are causing "irregularities" in the weather.

He believed the sun spots may suddenly decline in about three years, resulting in a return to normal rainfall and cooler temperatures.

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H.K.T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Compositions of Richard Strauss—Rosenkavalier Waltzes.... Philharmonic Orchestra; Morgen, Op. 27, No. 4....Dino Borgioli (Tenor) with Piano and Violin; Till's Merry Pranks....The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

1.0 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Variety by Les Allen with his orchestra. Reginald Dixon at the organ; Oliver Wakefield, Renara and Les Allen with Novelty acc.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Alfredo and His Orchestra with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 A Gershwin Programme—Rhapsody in Blue....Boston Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler. Piano: J. M. Sanroma; Bass: You Is My Woman Now (from "Porgy and Bess")....Lawrence Tibbett (Bari-tone) and Helen Jepson (Soprano) with Orchestra; Strike Up The Band (from the Musical Comedy)....Boston Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler; Summer Time (from "Porgy and Bess")....Bing Crosby (Vocal) with Orchestra.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Britain Speaks"—Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.0 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.2 Study—Talk by William Jenkins on "The Experience of an International Red Cross Relief Worker in China."

8.15 Popular Classics.—Arab Dance from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite"....Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra; Serenade (Schubert)....Herbert Janssen (Baritone) and Piano; "Midsummer Night's Dream"—Scherzo (Mendelssohn), The Harmonious Blacksmith (Handel)....Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano); Ave Maria (Schubert)....Erna Berger (Soprano) with String Quartet; Minuet in C (Bach)....Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with String Quartet; Swing Low, Sweet Chariot....Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano; Clair de Lune (Debussy), Prelude in C Minor, Op. 28, No. 20, Mazurka in A Minor, Op. 68, No. 2 (both Chopin)....John Hunt (Piano); Alleluia (Mozart)....Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orch.; Moment Musical in A Flat Major, Op. 94, No. 6 (Schubert)....William Backhaus (Piano).

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

9.30 A Scottish Programme with Joseph Hilop and Moray Macdonald.—Hilop Laddie (Carruthers)....New Mayfair Orchestra; Jessie, The Flower of Dunblane (Smith)....Joseph Hilop (Tenor) with Orchestra; Medley of Scottish Airs—Intro: The Atholl Highlanders; Captain Murray; Rachael Rae; Bonnie Dundee....Pipers of the 2nd Batt. The Q.O. Cameron Highlanders; The Boatman, Kishmull's Galley ("Songs of the Hebrides"—arr. Kennedy Fraser)....Moray Macdonald (Soprano) with Piano (Singing in Gaelic); Savoy Scottish Medley (arr. Dobroy Somers)....New Mayfair Orchestra; MacGregor's Gathering (Lee, arr. Kahn), Bonnie Wee Thing (Fox)....Joseph Hilop (Tenor) with Piano.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.0 London Relay—Talk: "Boots Abroad."

10.15 Harry Roy's Stage Show—Harry Roy and His Orchestra (Recorded at the actual performance at The Garrick Theatre, Southport).

10.30 Dance Music by "Fats" Waller and His Rhythm, Artie Shaw and His Orchestra, Orchestra Tipica Francisco Canaro, The Six Swingers and Billy Cotton and His Band.

11.0 Close down.



NEW ENVOY—Britain's new Ambassador to U. S., Lord Halifax, left, who arrived on the mighty battleship, King George V, meet State Secretary Hull at State Department, Washington. Envoy was met by President Roosevelt at Annapolis anchorage. Lord Halifax lost left hand in boyhood accident and the paper hides empty sleeve in picture above.

Economic Poverty May Force Japan To Drive Southward

By MAX L. BROWN

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, APRIL 14 (UP).—ECONOMIC DESPERATION MAY IMPEL, RATHER THAN BLOCK, A JAPANESE MILITARY DRIVE SOUTHWARD INTO THE RICH ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC, SAYS DR ROBERT C. SHOOK, THE ECONOMIST.

In an exclusive interview with the United States, Dr Shook, vice-president of the International Statistical Bureau and co-author of the recently published book "American Business in a Changing World," asserts that it would represent "wishful thinking" to believe that progressive economic deterioration will prove a prelude to lessened Japanese military activity.

Dr Shook said that there can be no doubt of the steady deterioration of Japan's economic position, with currency circulation, prices and the cost of living showing inflationary increases, and foreign trade curtailed by both the European war and moral and actual embargoes growing out of the straining of political relations with the United States.

"However," he warned, "modern economic history as written since 1933 emphasises the fact that economic pressures do not necessarily result in depression and collapse and a limiting of the national effort. Frequently, the result is exactly the opposite. Where centralized authority already is in control, the result of internal economic pressures frequently reflects itself in a strengthening of that control and a speeding up of political aggression and external military activity."

Germany's Case

"Economists who at first predicted a collapse in Germany because of

Indications

"These are not the moves of a government which is feeling economic pressure and which is planning to reduce its military activity as a result. Rather, while these moves

CONGRESS ACTION

Quick Decisions Expected

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (UP).—When Congress returns from the Easter vacation this week, it plans to act immediately on President Roosevelt's request for authority to purchase foreign ships which are immobilised in American harbours.

The Senate convenes to-day and the House will convene to-morrow. Other action is expected to include the ratification of the treaty placing Greenland under the protective custody of the United States "and establishing air bases and also hastening aid to Britain, via the Lend and Lease Bill."

It is also believed that Congress may make important decisions before President Roosevelt leaves for a week's rest at Warm Springs.

Danish Affairs

The Danish Minister, Mr Henrik de Kauffmann, visited Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State to-day to report that his government has ordered him to relinquish his post. The United States is expected to ignore the action of the Hitler dominated Danish government and to consider de Kauffmann's status as unchanged.

The ship purchase legislation is expected to pass before the end of the week to enable the purchase of 30 Danish, 28 Italian, two German and possibly several French ships including the Normandie.

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British Defy Nazis In N. Africa

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from Tobruk by sea and that the British attempt to break the German ring of steel had failed.

Tobruk Fighting
LONDON, Apr. 14 (UP).—To-day's War Office communique states that an enemy tank attack was repulsed with severe losses at Tobruk this morning, adding, "the situation has been completely restored."

The communique said that considerable casualties were inflicted on the enemy in the vicinity of Sollum. British forces in Greece were obliged to withdraw to new positions last Saturday night.

German Announcement
ZURICH, Apr. 14 (UP).—The German radio announced at 7.30 p.m. that the "remnants of the B.E.F. in North Africa have concentrated in the harbour and town defending their positions there until embarkation operations can be carried out."

Moscow Tokyo Pact Rebuff For Hitler

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ade, the consequences of which Japan can judge for herself. Japanese public opinion, having forced a break in the triple alliance to escape giving all and getting nothing regarding Russia, may now begin to ponder a similar lack of reciprocity concerning her trouble with America.

Will Continue Aid
SHANGHAI, Apr. 15 (UP).—A dispatch from Chungking last evening stated that informed political quarters revealed that at the same time the Russo-Japanese pact was concluded, Moscow had assured the Chinese Government that the fundamental policy of aid to China was not affected. They pointed out that Wang Chung-wei did not comment on the pact, he merely criticized the joint declaration.

Since neither the pact nor the declaration are substantially detrimental to the Chinese position, no protest is necessary.

SUICIDE TO END TORTURE SAID JUSTIFIABLE

A Southampton coroner recently expressed approval of a man's suicide.

"It was the soundest thing he could have done," he said. The inquest was on Edward Leach, 37, ship steward, who was said to have suffered intolerable pain and mental agony. He was found gassed. "The evidence left no doubt that the man, because of his agony, wanted to die," said Mr Emanuel, the coroner.

"He did for himself what he could not get anybody else to do for him. 'I daresay that religious people will look askance at me, but the question is, 'If a man is in severe torture is it right for him to kill himself?'"

"I do not think that there should be any doubt about it." Mr Emanuel has been coroner at Southampton for 25 years.

Boston's Battle Of The Angels

MIRIAM HOPKINS, stage and film star, thinks the City Council of Boston, Massachusetts, is run by a set of "dirty old men."

She would have them all fung into the harbour—like the tea over a hundred years ago.

The cause of her rage is "The Battle of the Angels," a play in which she is appearing there. The Police Commissioner, the censor and several councillors went to see it.

A Bit Soiled
And they thought some of the angels were a bit soiled. They objected to certain lines in the play, and these have now been cut out.

Miriam's reply is: "Dirt is something on the minds of Boston's officials: it reflects their suppressed feelings."

LATE NEWS

New Bombers Fly Ocean To Aid Britain's Fight

(By "Reuter's" Air Correspondent)

LONDON, Apr. 14.—A number of new-type United States four-engined flying fortresses have reached Britain from the United States, beating all records in their flight across the Atlantic.

Anglo-Greek Armies Wait Confidently

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the Allied defences which are becoming stronger every day.

Informed circles in Athens are of the opinion that it may yet be several days before the Germans feel strong enough to begin the "battle of Greece" which is awaited with increasing confidence by the Allies.

In the meantime, foreign women and children are allowed to evacuate Greece. Athens had a short alert air raid signal this morning.

Scattered Reports
ATHENS, Apr. 14 (UP).—Scattered reports are still being received of skirmishes on the Anglo-Greek front with two major actions occurring.

According to informed circles, the Germans for the moment have inferior forces in the occupied territory and are bringing up reinforcements. They are concentrating an attacking army in the Monastir sector where the R.A.F. and Greek aviation are continually blasting the enemy positions.

Meanwhile, there is a constant flow of British reinforcements towards the front, a "solid wall" extending from the Aegean Sea to the Adriatic.

German Claim
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

ZURICH, Apr. 14 (UP).—The German Radio at 11 o'clock to-night stated that in a single thrust in south Serbia, one German group of soldiers captured a general, 100 officers and 7,000 Serb soldiers.

Berlin Boost
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

BERLIN, Apr. 15 (UP).—It was stated in Berlin to-day that the German army is ready to unleash a "blow of destruction" against the Greek and British forces during the next 24 hours which will knock Britain out of the Balkan War. It was claimed that already the B.E.F. are embarking in troopships.

They are known as Boeing B17C and are the first deliveries of this advanced type to be received by the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Shortly they will be flying alongside British and other types of United States four-engined bombers, to add further power to the growing weight of the R.A.F. bombing offensive.

The new Boeing is a development of the first flying fortress from Boeing's Seattle factory and incorporates an important advancement. Though not the latest of the later models, its four Wright Cyclone engines, each of 1,200 h.p., give it a speed of 300 miles an hour at 25,000 feet while at 220 miles an hour, it has a range of 2,400 miles, which would enable it to fly from Britain as far as Arctic Norway, the eastern border of pre-war Poland or the heel of Italy and back. It can carry a very heavy bomb load.

Fifteen and a half feet high and 68 feet long and with a wing-span of over 100 feet, it carries a crew of seven to nine.

Italians Replace Nazi Garrisons In France

LONDON, Apr. 14 (Reuter).—Italian troops in large numbers are reported to be replacing German troops in occupied France.

An important contingent has already arrived at Angers in Western France. It is planned to send 40,000 Italians to occupy Paris, declares the independent French agency but no Italian troops will be entrusted with coast protection.

It is also understood that the Armistice Commission has ended its session at Wiesbaden and will henceforth function in Paris, to which city many of its departments are already transferred.

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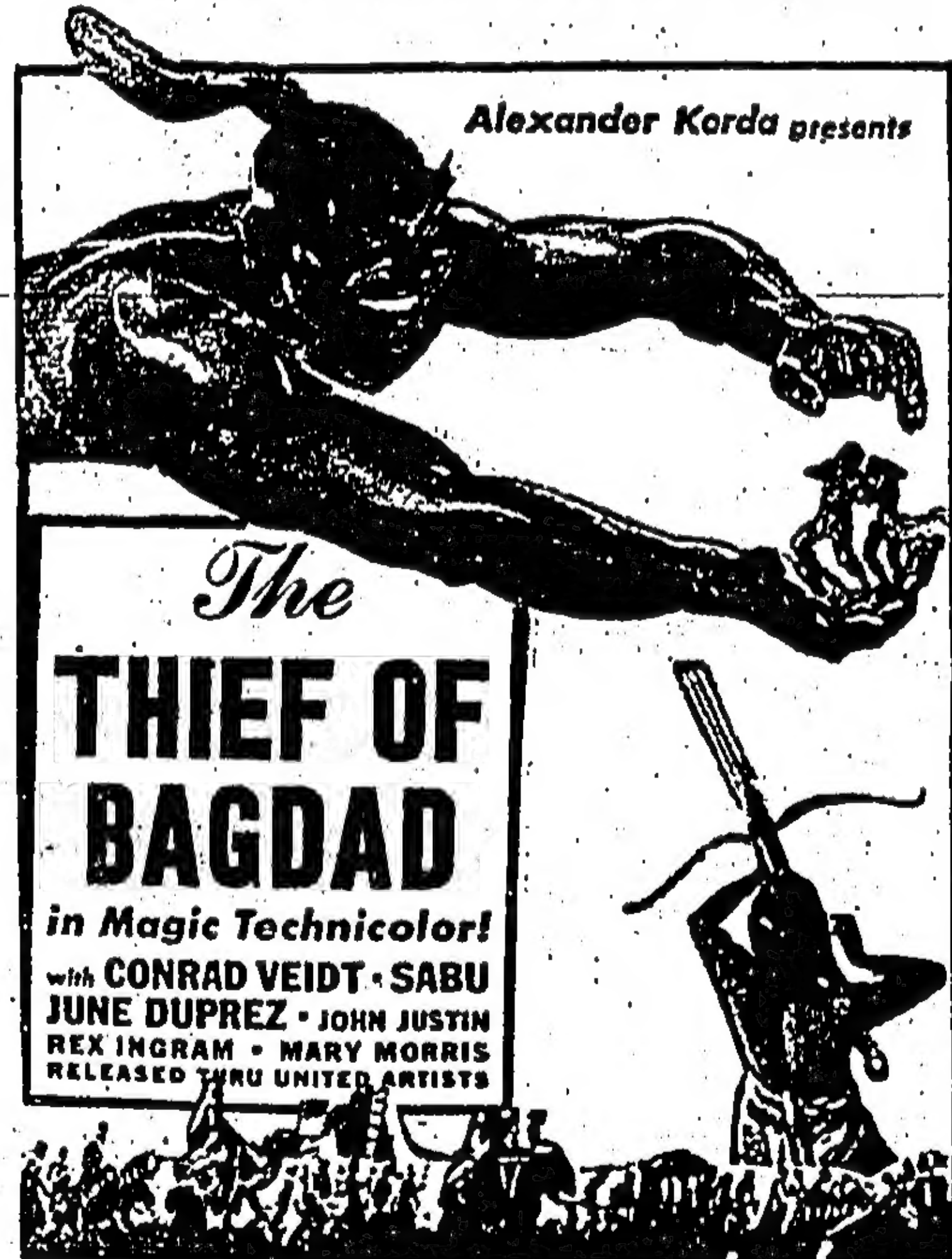
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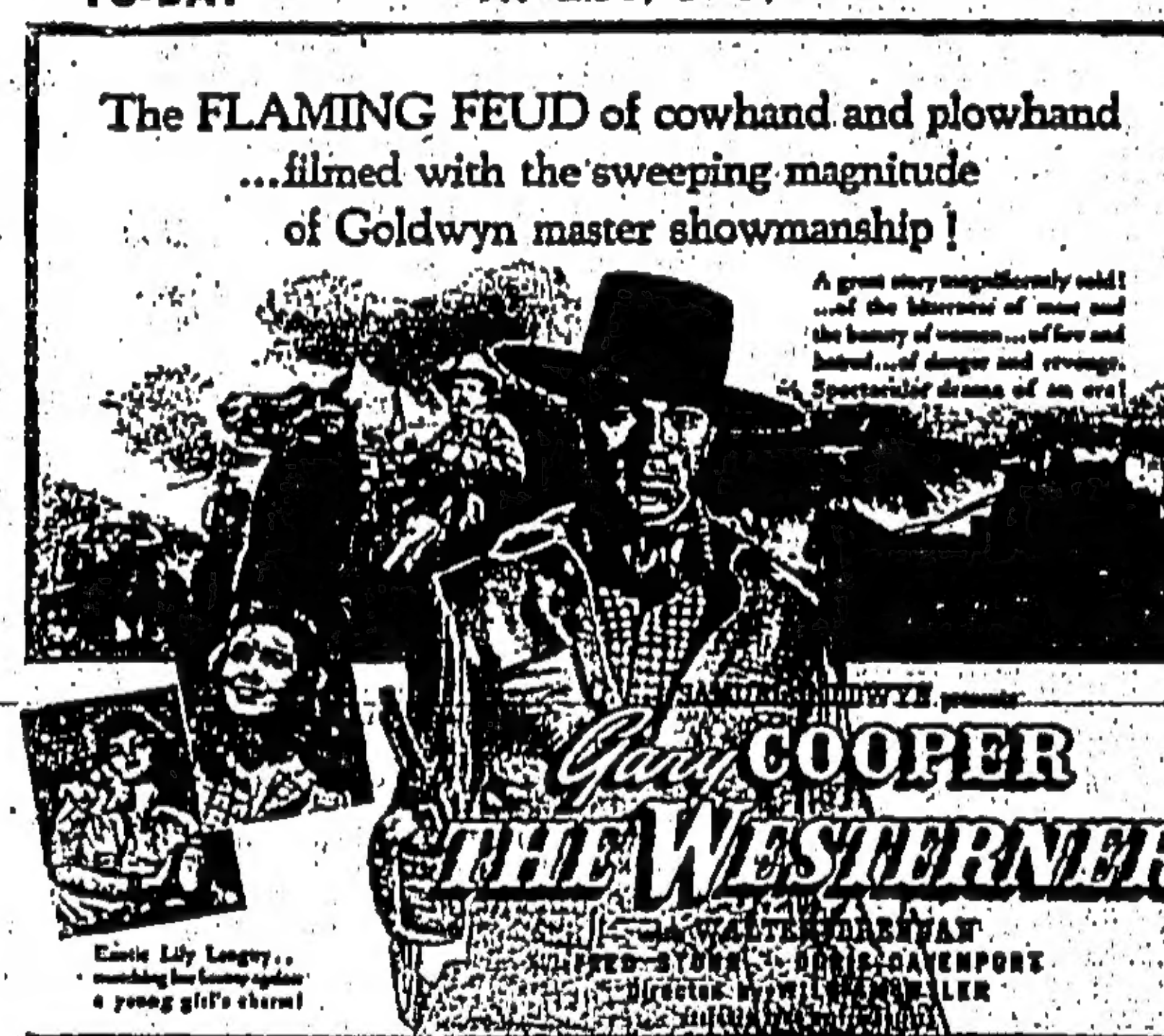
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